

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1954

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1955

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1954

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

J. Gerard Nolet, Chairman	1954
Wesley K. Cole, Clerk	1954
Emile J. Martin	1954

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit	1954
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Town Clerk

Clare Boyer

Public Welfare

Marie Lariviere, Chairman	1955
Hermas Lippe, Clerk	1957
Ovide Desrosiers	1956
Lillian Proulx	

Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman

Marie Lariviere

Hermas Lippe

Assessors

Charles Normandin, Chairman	1956
Rosario Arpin, Clerk	1955
Raymond Benoit	1957

Board of Health

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman	1956
Dr. Armand Degrenier, Clerk	1957
Henry Demers	1955
Ernest Tetreault, Agent	Marguerite Houle, Nurse

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1955
Linia Beck	1956
Lorenzo Beaupre	1957
Mrs. John Steen	1955
Eugene Leblanc	1956
Paul A. Roy	1957

World War Memorial Trustees

J. Gerard Nolet	1954
William Berry	1957
Albert J. Tremblay	1956
Ovila Donais	1955

Stavre Yanka	1957
Hormidas Beaudry	1956

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1955
George Dumas	1956
Lectance Landry	1957

Constables

Bernard Richard	1957
Raoul Meunier	1955
Blaise Trudeau	1956

Tax Collector

Elizabeth Duhamel	1957
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Planning Board

James Fallon	1959
Edmund Ryan	1955
Edward Walsh	1957
William B. O'Shaughnessy	1958

Sewer Commissioners

J. George Page	1955
Raymond Bachand	1957
Alfred Gaudreau	1956

Park Commissioners

Hormidas Beaudry	1955
James F. Laporioire	1957
Dona A. Beaulieu	1956

Moderator

William J. Clifford	1954
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Commissioners of Trust Fund

Vincent T. Walsh	1955
James Fallon	1956
Charles Hart	1957

Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1954
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Southbridge Housing Authority

Leon Livernois	1959
Royce Fitzpatrick	1955
Francois Sansoucy	1958
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Julian C. Gabree 1954
 Lionel A. Lafleche appointed Dec. 1st, 1954 Temporary

Town Accountant

Leon Caron 1956

Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer 1954

Town Engineer

Henry Racicot 1954

Veterans' Benefit Agent

Roland G. Hetu, appointed Nov. 26 1954
 Temporary

Veterans' Service Department

Roland G. Hetu, appointed Nov. 26 1954

Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair 1954

Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon 1955	Norman Staves 1955
Willard Stark 1955	Lorenzo Beaupre 1956
John E. Merrill 1956	Lewis Kyrios 1955
Louis Brunelle 1956	Henry Racicot 1954
Francis Ashe 1956	Alfred Ferron 1955
Joseph Duffy 1956	

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox Appointed by School Committee
 Oct. 1st, 1954

Keeper of Lock-Up

Ovide Desrosiers 1954 Louis Bucci, Ass't 1954

Custodian of Town Hall

Oliver Proulx 1954

Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier 1954

Plumbing Inspector

Arthur Ballard Appointed by Board of Health

Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt 1954

Wire Inspector

Clarence Bachand 1954

By-Law Committee

D. W. Morrill	Mitchell Kurposka	Alfred Ferron
John O. Martin	J. Belden Sly	Oswald Laliberte

Registrars of Voters

Harmel Houde	1955	Timothy Moriarty	1956
Richard Pinsonneault	1957	Clare Boyer, Ex-Officio	

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief	Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief
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Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska	1954
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Superintendent of Fire Alarms

Norman Laroche, appointed by Fire Dept.	1954
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Fire Wardens, Appointed by Fire Chief

Oswald Meunier	1954	Albert Servant	1954
Joseph Mandeville	1954	Rosario Bellerose	1954
Emile Caouette	1954	Archie Langevin	1954
Romeo Lippe	1954	Charles Normandin	1954
Harry Michaels	1954		

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau	1954	Herman Giroux	1954
Alphonse Renna	1954	August Kowalski	1954

Finance Committee

Bernard Sherry	1956	W. J. Lusignan	1955
Valmore Gauthier	1956	Stephen Simonelli	1954
Joseph Piasta	1956	Joseph Swiacki	1954
Armand Lacasse	1956	Vangel Costa	1955
Norman Brodeur	1956	Rockford Lavoie	1955
John Rischitelli	1954	Edgar Tremblay	1955
Norman Leathers	1955	Theophile Morin	1955

Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit	1955	Doris Loiselle	1955
Ronaldo Guertin	1955	Armand DeAngelis	1955
Louis Gubb	1955	Hector Brodeur	1955
Bernard Beauregard	1955		

Measurer of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes	1955	John J. Hogan, Jr.	1955
Clifford McKinstry	1955	Royce Fitzpatrick	1955

Field Drivers

Charles Chamberland	1954	Jacob Gouin	1954
Paul Quinn	1954		

Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon 1954 Arthur Eno 1954

Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards 1954 Raymond Fitzpatrick 1954
Ralph McKinstry 1954 Dorsi Ryan 1954
Loretta Fitzpatrick 1954 Argentina Damian 1954
William Cox 1954 Rita Damian 1954
Beatrice Peloquin 1954 Arthur Gendron 1954
Harry Michaels 1954 Constance Matys 1954

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf 1954 Edgar McCann 1956
Edward Seremet 1955

Dog Officer

Ernest Cadarette 1954

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Gerard R. Lariviere 1954

Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon 1954

Retirement Board

Leon Caron 1954 Theodore Kwarciak 1954
Paul H. Benoit 1954

Airport Committee

Edgar Lewis 1959 Emile Arsenault 1957
William LeGate 1956 Albert DiGregorio 1958
Louis Stevens 1960

Library Trustees for the Town

Edward P. Sheehan 1957 Oswald Laliberte 1956
Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1955

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling 1954

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph Benoit 1954

Committee for Revaluation of Property

Arthur Smith 637 Elm Street
William Horsley 157 Chapin Street
Bernard Sherry 2 Chapin Court
Ernest Fontaine 41 Warren Street
Robert Coderre 452 Hamilton Street

Board of Rent Control

Arthur Woolhouse, Public Interest 52 Newell Avenue
Hormidas Beaudry, Public Interest 1 Cedar Street

Jesse Jones, Public Interest	112 Chapin Street
Louis Gagnon, Tenants	53 Newell Avenue
Armand St. Germain, Landlords	368 Worcester Street

Wage Survey Committee

Appointed by Town Moderator at Town Meeting, March 9, 1953

Edgar Tremblay	73 Moon Street
Paul Quinn	8 Woodland Street
Marie Lariviere	76 Everett Street
Joseph V. Langevin	104 Mechanic Street
Ernest Farland	15 Chestnut Street

Southbridge Radio Officer — Civil Defense

Charles McLam	89 Dennison Lane
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JURY LIST

MALE

Name — Address	Occupation
Anderson, Albert J., 41 Chestnut Street ..	Tool and Die Maker
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser Street	Optical Truer
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams Street	Carpenter
Ballard, Francis A., 391 Hamilton Street	Parts Manager
Beaupre, Arthur E., 245 Mechanic Street	Machine Worker
Bernarczk, John J., 201 Everett Street	Tool Maker
Belrose, Harold N., 161 Sayles Street	Grinder
Bibeau, Rodolphe A., 53 Worcester Street	Machinist
Blair, Alfred F., 331 Dennison Street	Trucking
Blais, Napoleon J., 402 Worcester Street	Glass Worker
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union Street	Carpenter
Bolduc, Albert A., 255 Mechanic Street	Lens Worker
Brown, Robert E., 129 Charlton Street	Packer
Beaudry, Joseph Andre, 468 Hamilton Street	Painter
Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton Street	Textile Worker
Cardrant, Leo E., 579 Main Street	Truck Driver
Caron, Anatole, Jr., 33 River Street	Salesman
Caron, Philias, 16 Water Street	Custodian
Cartier, Joseph, Jr., 117 Worcester Street	Auto Dealer
Cloutier, Armand J., 400 Main Street	Truer
Coderre, Henry F., 560 South Street	Merchant
Costa, George, 76 Elm Street	Watchman
Costa, James V., 18 Franklin Terrace	Riveter
Cronin, Thomas F., 340 Hamilton Street	Yarn Inspector
Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland Street	Foreman
Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Court	Machinist
DeAngelis, Phillip N., 80 Sayles Street	Student
Demers, Charles E., 62 Highland Street	Textile Worker
Donais, Alfred G., 133 Everett Street	Mechanic
Dow, Roland W., 42 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic Street	Laborer
Dumas, Francis D., 14 Ames Street	Leather Cutter
Durocher, Joseph R., 107 Pine Street	Forger
Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester Street	Dyer
Ethier, Louis G., 224 Mechanic Street	Taxi Driver
Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut Street	Lens Moulder
Flood, Henry F., 327 Main Street	Optical Worker
Fontaine, Lucian, 86 Chestnut Street	Machinist
Fontaine, Hermenegilde, 86 Chestnut Street	Optical Worker

Fortin, Clarence J., 20 Fairmont Street	Textile Worker
Fournier, Joseph R., 53 West Street	Wet Grinder
Gaumont, Harvey W., 161 Mechanic Street	Taxi Driver
Gauthier, Phillip, 412 Charlton Street	Clerk
Gauthier, Alexis J., 616 Charlton Street	Unit Leader
Gauthier, Pierre W., 630 Main Street	Steam Fitter
Gasperski, Carrol, 38 Lovely Street	Unemployed
Genereux, Homer A., 103 Charlton Street	Steam Fitter
Gendreau, Joseph U., 119 Pleasant Street	Knife Maker
Gaumont, Armand, 711 Main Street	Trucking
Gendron, Raymond H., 149 Mechanic Street	Hot Frame Op.
Giroux, Herman, 26 Marsh Street	Cafe Owner
Graf, Peter, 205 Main Street	Foreman
Gravel, Lionel J., 432 Charlton Street	Press Operator
Guignard, Joseph A., 78 Sayles Street	Machine Grinder
Hatton, Thomas, 296 Main Street	Machine Grinder
Herbert, Armand F., 55 Coombs Street	Milling Machine
Houde, Harmel E., 43 Randolph Street	Foreman
Jolin, Jean B., 272 Mechanic Street	Lens Grinder
Julien, William, 105 Charlton Street	Lens Grinder
Kathan, Alden Leroy, 30 Pleasant Street	Optical Worker
Kingsley, Walter E., 19 Franklin Terrace	Press Operator
Lacasse, Hormidas, 2 Lens Court	Optical Worker
Lafleche, Albert, 59 Main Street	Optical Worker
Laliberte, Oliver J., 71 River Street	Press Operator
Landry, Lactance, 62 Lovely Street	Painter
Lamothe, Charles D., 23 Chestnut Street	Drawing
Lamontagne, Henry, 37 River Street	Press Operator
Lapointe, Lionel J., 398 Worcester Street	Shipping Clerk
Laporte, Alexis, 119 West Street	Textile Worker
Lariyiere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon Street	Cutlery Finisher
Lavallee, Adelard, 75 Crystal Street ...	General Maintenance
Lavallee, Napoleon J., 88 School Street	Retired
Leblanc, Wilfred P., 219 Charlton Street	Machinist
Leblanc, Leon L., 372 Hamilton Street	Yarn Inspector
Leblanc, Oswald H., 54 Westwood Parkway	Lens Setter
Leboeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut Street	Stock Clerk
Lemoine, Ferdinand, 22 Edwards Street	Supervisor
Libera, Joseph, 29 Ballard Court	Textile Worker
Libuda, Joseph, 24 Caron Street	Foreman
Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant Street	Machinist
Mathieu, Isaie, 288 Mechanic Street	Janitor
Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic Street	Ruling
Metras, Louis R. 43 Fairlawn Avenue	Unemployed

Monaco, Thomas J., 115 North Street Lens Moulder
 Monnette, Moise G., 122 Hamilton Street Part-time Clerk
 Mundell, Homer W., 59 Highland Street Steam Fitter
 Martel, Arthur P., 538 Main Street Ins. Salesman
 McCann, George, 43 Worcester Street Janitor

Nichols, Thomas J., 29 Fiske Street Unemployed

Paquette, Walter O., 257 Alpine Road Stock Clerk
 Parent, Aime E., 9 Hillcrest Avenue Electrician
 Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine Street Mill Hand
 Paquin, William, 32 Worcester Street Inspector
 Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester Street Optical Worker
 Pezzetti, John W., 410 Elm Street Ins. Salesman
 Pinsonneault, Richard G., 205 Marcy Street Press Operator
 Paulhus, Andrew, 56 Taft Street Hand Edger
 Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm Street Optical Worker
 Pinsonneault, Laurier, 109 Pine Street Bench Worker
 Plasse, Herman, 79 Fairlawn Avenue Optical Worker
 Plouffe, George E., 135 Marcy Street Retired
 Proulx, Charles F., 81 Walcott Street Carpenter
 Petit, Alberic, 105 Old Sturbridge Rd. Steamfitter

Raulier, Emile C., 31 Franklin Terrace Tool Maker

St. Martin, Rudolphe, 466 Worcester Street Machinist
 St. George, Reginald, 38 Foster Street Optical Worker
 Santo, Dominic, 462 Elm Street Foreman
 Savaria, Valmore P., 115 Woodstock Road Millwright
 Stevens, Nicholos, 33 Oakes Avenue Grocer
 Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Sturbridge Rd. Sales Mgr.
 Serletto, John F., 18 Park Street Salesman

Trembley, Albert J., 240 Marcy Street Optical Worker
 Talbot, Ernest J., 34 Hamilton Street Frame Worker
 Tasciotti, Ralph, 60 Sayles Street Knife Worker
 Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens Street Press Operator
 Therrien, Armand, 87 Crystal Street Store Clerk
 Trahan, Ovila, 18 Clark Street Cabinet Maker
 Tremblay, Leodore, 276 Charlton Street Supervisor
 Thompson, Roger B., 227 High Street Machinist

Varin, Raymond J., 110 Mechanic Street Bookkeeper
 Vecchia, Albert F., 60 Sayles Street Woodworker
 Volpini, Renato, 192 Eastford Road Optical Worker

FEMALE

Name — Address	Occupation
Bachand, Mabel F., 43 Randolph Street	Housewife

Ballard, Estelle G., 391 Hamilton Street	Clerical Worker
Benoit, Doris Ann, 44 High Street	Housewife
Benoit, Rose Anna, 256 Dennison Drive	Housewife
Boutillier, Mae, 112 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Carpenter, Jeanette, 246 Mechanic Street	Inspector
Decker, Florence, 206 Chapin Street	Housewife
Dubreuil, Julia, 11 Sayles Street	Housewife
Gagnon, Anna N., 53 Newell Avenue	Housewife
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main Street	Housewife
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles Street	Housewife
Lariviere, Marie E., 97 Everett Street	Housewife
Lariviere, Beatrice N., 102 Lebanon Street	Housewife
Lafleche, Lea, 47 Green Avenue	Optical Worker
Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Avenue	Housewife
Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy Street	Housewife
Mathieu, Mrs. Orianda, 228 Mechanic Street	Saleslady
Proulx, Lillianne G., 70 Everett Street	Social Worker
Russell, Mary Rose, 86 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton Street	Housewife
Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South Street	Clerk
Salak, Alice Gertrude, 801 Worcester Street	Housewife
Trudeau, Atwilda, 35 Canal Street	Housewife
Varin, Laura, 110 Mechanic Street	Clerk
Walsh, Mary G., 59½ Fiske Street	Housewife

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Town of Southbridge:

Board organized March 2, 1954.

J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Chairman of the Board, Wesley K. Cole was appointed clerk of the board, and Emile J. Martin serving as third member of the Board.

The year 1954 was the second year that the Highway Department has been under the direct supervision of the Board of Selectmen. Again this year much has been done by the Highway Department to improve many of our streets and the service given to the citizens.

Major repairs have been made to the Town Hall Building during the year which include addition to the Welfare Board office, repair of chimneys, windows, and lighting fixtures replaced in the office of the town clerk. The Board recommends that proposed illumination be given in all other offices in 1955.

The hurricanes Carol and Edna caused considerable damage throughout the town. The Highway and Engineering Departments responded very well in this crisis and traffic was restored in a remarkably short time. A temporary bridge (Bailey's Span) was loaned to the town by the Mass. Department of Public Works and temporary repairs were made to the Vinton Street bridge which made it possible to use both Brookside Road and Vinton Street. The Board of Selectmen with the aid of Representative Leo J. Cournoyer have obtained reimbursement of \$1,762.05. Application has been made for reimbursement of hurricane damages incurred during hurricane Edna.

Again through the co-operation of Representative Leo J. Cournoyer the Board of Selectmen and the Engineering Department approval has been obtained for improvements of various channels in the town by the Commonwealth of Mass. under provisions of Chapter 91 of the general law. A more detailed account of hurricane damages and proposed improvements to the various channels will be found in the report of the Town Engineer.

Liquor Licenses:

6 Club All-Alcoholic	\$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3 Club Wine & Malt	100.00	300.00
2 Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
12 Restaurant Wine & Malt	200.00	2,400.00
4 Package Goods All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00

6 Package Goods Wine & Malt	100.00	600.00
5 Drug All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
2 Special Wine & Malt	25.50	51.00
5 Seasonal All-Alcoholic	150.00	750.00
24 One Day Wine & Malt	1.00	24.00
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		\$14,575.00

Miscellaneous Licenses

2 Innholder	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
66 Taxi Driver	1.00	66.00
19 Taxi Owner	1.00	19.00
48 Pinball Machine	20.00	960.00
45 Sunday Store	3.00	135.00
6 Lodging Houses	1.00	6.00
82 Signs	1.00	82.00
10 Firearms	1.00	30.00
49 Common Victuallers	3.00	147.00
3 Storage Tanks50	1.50
20 Auto Dealers50	60.00
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		\$ 1,512.50
Town Hall Rental		\$ 150.00
Court House		1,200.00
Lock-Up Rental		600.00
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Total Amount		\$18,037.50

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town Department Committees, and all others, who have cooperated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,

J. GERARD NOLET,
WESLEY K. COLE,
EMILE J. MARTIN,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FOR 1954

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

	Males	Females	Total
January	18	18	36
February	17	20	37
March	24	25	49
April	22	29	51
May	19	28	47
June	16	21	37
July	22	27	49
August	21	27	48
September	20	27	47
October	25	18	43
November	22	26	48
December	28	22	50
	<hr/> 254	<hr/> 288	<hr/> 542

Of this total (542), there were 207 non-resident births and 26 births occurring out of town.

Deaths

	Males	Females	Total
January	11	11	22
February	11	4	15
March	12	10	22
April	6	9	15
May	17	2	19
June	8	5	13
July	11	8	19
August	13	10	23
September	6	13	19
October	13	8	21
November	8	7	15
December	13	7	20
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Of this total (223), there were 46 non resident deaths and 40 resident deaths occurring elsewhere.

(There were 36 sudden deaths.)

Marriages

Total marriages—160. Non residents married in Southbridge (6). Residents of Southbridge married out of state (17). Residents married in Town (100). Residents of town married out of town (35).

There were 146 Marriage intentions filed. Six were marked Void.

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Gasoline	37	
Garage	49	
Auctioneers	4	
Hawkers' and Peddlars'	7	
Junk	9	
Bowling and Pool	3	
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	109	
Paid Town Treasurer		\$ 231.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	591	
Female	95	
Spayed Female	237	
Kennel	5	
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	928	
Paid Town Treasurer		\$1,995.40

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	682
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	281
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	268
Resident Citizens' Minors' Fishing Lics.	100
Resident Citizens' Women's Fishing Lics.	136
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	2
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Lics.	4
Non-Resident Minor's Fishing License	1
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	11
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2
Duplicate Licenses	19
Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses — Free	109
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance, and to the Blind Fishing Licenses—Free	10
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Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$5,271.75
 Clare P. Boyer,
 In account with the Town of Southbridge:

Vital Statistics:

Includes Birth, Death and Marriage certificates issued; also duplicate dog tags. Vital Statistic corrections and Marriage intentions	\$ 837.85
MORTGAGES	1,345.00
Dog Licenses Fees	185.60
Sporting Licenses Fees	407.00
Recordings: Includes Pole and Wire Locations, Registration of Optometrist and Registration of Dentist	63.25
Recordings of Blasting Bonds	6.00
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$2,844.70

**LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN
 DURING 1954**

Joseph A. Bombardier, 30 Cohasse Street.
 Wilfred J. LeBlanc, 219 Charlton Street.
 Charles F. Proulx, 81 Wall Street.
 Herman Plasse, 79 Fairlawn Avenue.
 Leodore Tremblay, 276 Charlton Street.
 Napoleon J. Lavallee, 88 School Street.
 Armand F. Hebert, 55 Coombs Street.
 Marie Rose Russell, 86 Hamilton Street.
 Armand Gaumond, 711 Main Street.
 Richard Pinsonneault, 35 Orchard Street.
 George J. Patenaude, 12 Pine Street.
 Marie Lariviere, 97 Everett Street.
 George V. Costa, 76 Elm Street.
 Louis G. Ethier, 224 Mechanic Street.
 Alexis Laporte, 119 West Street.
 Florence Decker, 206 Chapin Street.
 Rudolphe St. Germain, 466 Worcester Street.
 Ranato Volpini, 193 Eastford Road.
 Joseph R. Durocher, 107 Pine Street.
 Albert F. Duquette, 14 Worcester Street.
 Ernest A. Farland, 15 Chestnut Street.
 Roger B. Thompson, 227 High Street.
 Robert E. Brown, 468 Main Street.
 Edward Loranger, 127 Pleasant Street.
 Jean B. Jolin, 272 Mechanic Street.
 Wilfred Leblanc, 219 Charlton Street.
 Adelard Lavallee, 75 Crystal Street.
 Francis D. Dumas, 14 Ames Street.
 Ovila Trahan, 19 Clarke Street.

MEETINGS HELD DURING 1954

March 8, 1954	Annual Town Meeting
June 21, 1954	Special Town Meeting
August 9, 1954	Special Town Meeting
September 14, 1954	State Primaries
November 2, 1954	State Election
November 22, 1954	Special Town Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE P. BOYER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For year ending December 31, 1954

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1954	\$ 366,283.21	
Receipts for 1954	2,359,069.78	
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1954 Disbursements		\$2,725,352.99
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Balance—Cash on Hand, December 31, 1954	\$	373,145.42

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1955	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$12,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elementary Sch.	1938	80,000.00	16,000.00
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\$10,000.00				\$28,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

\$150,000.00	Anticipation of Taxes	Due May 2, 1955
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POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds—Dated Feb. 1, 1954	\$75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds—Dated June 1, 1954	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupon & Savings Bank Interest Through Dec. 31, 1954	38,638.14
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Total Fund	\$188,638.14

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1954	Int. 1954
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 93.75
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	27.50
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	74.26

Millbury Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.86
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	82.50
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	75.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	10,698.20	308.05
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	105.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	62.50
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	47.14
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Worcester Federal Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Workingmen's Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	115.00
Merchant's Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Mattapan Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Minot Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Lincoln Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Southbridge Credit Union	6,000.00	180.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,602.10	118.70
Southbridge Credit Union	8,000.00	240.00
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	\$94,735.30	\$2,790.26
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1954		\$93,305.30
Added to Fund, 1954		1,430.00
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Cemetery Fund — December 31, 1954		\$94,735.30

TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1954	Int. 1954	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings	479.67	14.48	494.15

Jesse J. Angell Fund

Southbridge Savings	1,596.46	48.24	1,644.70
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Ella M. Cole Fund

Attleboro Savings	1,000.00	26.25	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings	1,000.00	31.25	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent	1,000.00	31.25	1,000.00

Hannah Edwards Fund

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	155.00	5,000.00
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Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings	2,000.00		2,000.00
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Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00		1,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1954. All appropriations voted since 1954 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1954 was set at \$55.00.

Total Appropriations as certified by

Town Clerk to be raised by

Taxation \$1,498,215.16

Total appropriations voted to be

taken from available funds. In

1954 since 1953 tax rate

was fixed 76,515.98 \$1,574,731.14

STATE:

Tax and Assessments:	1954 Estimates	1953 Under-estimates	
State Parks & Reservations	\$ 3,438.96	\$ 765.11	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,115.80		
State Examination of Retirement System	488.21		
	<u>\$ 5,042.97</u>	<u>\$ 765.11</u>	\$ 5,808.08

COUNTY:

Tax & Assessments:

County Tax	\$47,565.41		
Tuberculosis	43,151.45	\$5,410.99	
	<u>\$90,716.86</u>	<u>\$5,410.99</u>	\$ 96,127.85

OVERLAY of Current Year 23,095.43

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,699,762.50

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated receipts for the year 1953 \$ 545,268.23

OVERESTIMATES of previous year to be used as available funds:

County Tax \$ 2,186.30

**Amounts voted to be taken
from Available Funds:**

\$ 5,000.00—Sept. 14, 1953
 290.00—May 8, 1953
 8,402.39—Dec. 16, 1953
 30,323.59—June 23, 1953
 92,000.00—March 8, 1954
 15,000.00—March 8, 1954
 8,500.00—March 8, 1954
 9,000.00—March 8, 1954

\$168,515.98

\$ 168,515.98

\$ 170,702.28

**Total Estimated Receipts and
Available Funds**

\$ 715,970.51

**Net Amounts to be Raised by
Taxation on Polls and Property.....**

\$ 983,791.99

Number of Polls 5200 @ \$2.00 each ..\$ 10,400.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property \$ 2,934,245.00 \$ 161,383.48

Real Estate \$14,763,715.00 \$ 812,004.32

**Total Assessed
Valuation on
Personal and
Real Estate**

\$17,697,960.00

Gain on account of fraction

division of tax rate \$ 4.19

Total Taxes Levied

on Polls & Property \$ 983,791.99

**Items not Entered into the
Determination of the Tax Rate:**

Betterment & Special As-
sessments added to taxes:

Sewer Assessments \$ 104.10

Total of all Other Commitments \$ 104.10

Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls & Property and Assess- ments Committed to the Tax Collector to Date of Tax Rate	\$ 983,896.09
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

Aug. 3, 1954—Poll Tax	\$ 48.00	
Warrant to Col., Aug. 3, 1954		\$ 48.00
Aug. 11, 1954—Sidewalk	423.89	
Warrant to Col., Aug. 11, 1954		423.89
Dec. 15, 1954—Poll Tax	22.00	
Warrant to Col., Dec. 15, 1954		\$ 22.00
Dec. 15, 1954—Pers. Prop.	16.50	
Warrant to Col., Dec. 15, 1954		16.50

**Total Warrants to Collector on
Polls, Real Estate, Personal.**

Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted Assessments for 1954	\$ 984,006.48
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Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1954	\$2,894,349.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1954	\$ 126,854.91
Warrant to Collector for 1954	\$ 126,854.91

Total Assessed Valuation for 1954 Including Motor Vehicles	\$20,592,309.00
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Total Warrants to Collector for 1954	\$1,110.861.39
Value of Exempted Property	

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospital	\$1,494,300.00
Town Property	1,493,905.00
U. S. Post Office	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00

Total Exempted Property	\$3,230,455.00
Total number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	6399
Total number of Dwelling Houses	2745

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES NORMANDIN,
ROSARIO ARPIN,
RAYMOND BENOIT,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Tree Warden Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The past year I removed 12 dead trees on town owned property that were endangering the public. Six stumps out of sidewalks, also repainted 16 cavities, fed 4 trees in front of Worcester County Trust Co. and the Post Office.

I pruned dead limbs on trees on various streets, also braced and cabled 5 trees.

Tree Warden Department:

1954 Receipts and Appropriation	\$4,605.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 581.81
Labor	2,190.22

Other Expenses:

Equipment Hire	96.00
Winch Service	233.75
Truck Hire	796.25
Power Saw Hire	438.50
Tree Fertilizer	21.38
Elm Tree Removal in front of Hospital Spa	105.00
Tools and Material (rope, axes, Tree paint, paint brushes, etc.)	142.09

\$4,605.00

Tree Warden Department, First Hurricane "Carol":

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 144.76
Labor	331.29

Other Expenses:

Truck Hire	113.75
Power Saw Hire	42.75

\$ 632.55

Tree Warden Department, Second Hurricane "Edna":

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	\$ 122.26
Labor	372.97

Other Expenses:

Truck Hire	85.75
Power Saw Hire	33.25

 614.23

 \$1,246.78

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Tree Warden.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

I sprayed the town owned Elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer, using DDT Emulsion to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle, with excellent results.

I also removed and burned 5 DUTCH ELM DISEASED trees on town owned property.

With State help we removed 7 DUTCH ELM DISEASED trees on private property.

Dutch Elm Disease Department:

1954 Receipts and Appropriation \$3,500.00

Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 153.35
Labor	568.15

Other Expenses:

Power Saw Hire	83.00
Truck Hire	169.75
Winch Hire	35.00
Material (Paint brushes, tree paint, rope, etc.)	31.08
Telephone and Postage for Elm Samples ..	1.42
Insecticides (#C996 Niatox D-25)	514.25
Hydraulic Spraying	1,944.00

 \$3,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

GYPSY MOTH DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The past year I sprayed with DDT and Lead as many of our town owned trees as possible, for Gypsy Moth and Web Worm, because of limited amount of funds.

I find in sprayed areas infestation has been kept down to my satisfaction, unsprayed areas, infestation is spreading, especially from Sandersdale to Dudley and north to Charlton.

Moth Extermination 1954 Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 25.27
Labor	19.38

Other Expenses:

Hydraulic Sprayer & Spray Material	343.10
Truck Hire	12.25

\$ 400.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1954, giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred. dates and location of fires.

We responded to 19 Bell Alarms. 251 Still Alarms. Total Alarms for the year, 270.

350 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year	Total \$21,450.00
Value of Buildings	\$164,800.00
Loss on Buildings	28,972.27
Insurance on Buildings	106,550.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings	18,552.27
Value of Contents	123,520.00

Loss on Contents	13,142.87
Insurance on Contents	89,700.00
Insurance Paid on Contents	10,222.87

Inventory of the Fire Department

Fire Station	\$ 75,000.00
Fire Apparatus	50,000.00
Fire Department Supplies	12,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System	30,000.00

FIRE ALARMS ANSWERED:

- Jan. 19**—Box 134 at 9:42 A. M. Tenement at 19 Locust Ave. Owned by Norman Proulx. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.
- Feb. 17**—Still Alarm at 1:03 A. M. Rooming House at 562 Hamilton St. Owned by William Laughnane. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Feb. 27**—Still Alarm at 11:45 A. M. Tenement at 120 Marcy St. Owned by Leopold Lemmelin. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.
- March 3**—Box 434 at 3:15 P. M. Tenement at 3 Ames St. Owned by Emile Giroux. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- March 16**—Still Alarm at 10:16 A. M. at 142 Pleasant St. Owned by Chester Pezzetti. Caused by kerosene pot stove. Insured.
- March 25**—Box 35 at 7:55 P. M. Tenement at 86 Hamilton St. Owned by Mrs. Lena M. Page. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- April 25**—Box 46 at 10:09 P. M. Radio repair shop at 50 Lens St. Owned by Napoleon Eno. Caused by sparks from emery wheel into saw dust. Insured.
- May 29**—Box 24 at 1:59 P. M. Shed at rear 35 Lovely St. Owned by Ovide Trahan. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- May 29**—Box 24 at 1:59 P. M. Shed at rear 35 Lovely St. Owned by William Bouvier. Caused by careless smoking. Not insured.
- June 1**—Still alarm at 1:45 P. M. Tenement at 125 Morris St. Owned by Albanian Society. Caused by carelessly thrown cigarette. Insured.
- June 1**—Still alarm at 2:15 P. M. Shack at 5 Belmont St. Owned by Napoleon Vory. Caused by overheated stove. Not insured.
- July 19**—Still alarm at 12:43 A. M. Tenement at 20 Liberty St. Owned by Eugene Blais, Jr. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.

- July 29**—Still Alarm at 11:00 P. M. Store awning at Main and Elm Sts. Owned by Martin Krasowski. Caused by carelessly thrown cigarette. Insured.
- Sept. 12**—Box 424 at 1:20 A. M. House, shed and barn at Blackmoore Rd. Owned by Arthur Beaumier. Caused by defective pot oil burner. Insured.
- Sept. 30**—Box 23 at 9:34 P. M. Tenement at 135 Litchfield Ave. Owned by John Cuikaj. Caused by careless smoking. Partly insured.
- Oct. 2**—Box 112 at 7:34 P. M. Radio repair shop at 50 Lens St. Owned by Napoleon Eno and Romeo Bonnette. Caused by washing radio parts in thinner. Insured.
- Oct. 3**—Still alarm at 7:56 P. M. Store awning at 133 Elm St. Owned by Mrs. Inez Ruzzolli. Caused by carelessly discarded cigarette. Insured.
- Oct. 5**—Box 52 at 8:07 P. M. Tenement at 75 Morris St. Owned by Ralph Eldred. Caused by setting fire to couch in a vacant apartment. Not insured.
- Oct. 11**—Box 226 at 6:40 P. M. Tenement at 241½ Charlton St. Owned by John Pasay. Caused by overheated electric plate left on a padded chair. Partly insured.
- Oct. 28**—Still alarm at 9:50 A. M. Tenement at 7 Charlton St. Owned by Elzear Senecal. Caused by ash tray thrown in box. Insured.
- Oct. 30**—Still alarm at 5:30 P. M. Coal shed at off Hook St. Owned by Southbridge Coal Co. Cause undetermined.
- Nov. 7**—Still alarm at 5:30 A. M. Tenement at 28 Thomas St. Owned by Edward Bonnette. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- Nov. 8**—Still alarm at 4:02 P. M. Tenement at 47 Morris St. Owned by Ralph Mitchel. Caused by careless use of matches. Insured.
- Nov. 25**—Box 65 at 1:24 P. M. Tenement at 973 Main St. Owned by Omer Perron. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

PERMITS

Transporting Gasoline	5
High Explosives	48
Range Oil Burners	40
Power Oil Burners	114
Open Air Permits	453
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	5
Decorations	12
Bottled Gas Permits	14
Burning Paint off Buildings	7

INSPECTIONS

Stores	309
Hotels and Boarding Houses	61
Tenement Houses	1906
Range Oil Burners	40
Power Oil Burners	114
Clubs and Cafes	130
Locked Out	41
Complaints	109

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the Citizens for their co-operation, and members of the Department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,
EDWARD BOUCHER (Clerk)

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Captain, Emile Caouette	Captain, Archie Langevin
Ovila Donais	Adrien Pouliot
Harry Gendron	Victor Caouette
Ernest Collette	Edward McNally
Henry Desourdy	Romeo Mathieu
Alva Gregoire	Napoleon White
Arthur Marand	Jean St. Amant
Edward Boucher	Alfred Langevin
Biago Puccilli	Roland LaRochelle
Rodolphe Arpin	William Berry

Call Men — Hose Co. No. 1

Captain, Hermas Lippe	Lieutenant, Leopold Langlais
Armand Dumas	Paul Lucier
Henry Santelli	Clarence Blais
Walter Earnest	Thomas Mannis
Joseph Brouillard	Wilfred Forcier

Call Men — Hose Co. No. 2

Captain, Eugene Gaumond	Lieutenant, Alexander Daigle
Ferdinand Szczypien	George Plouffe
Roy Proulx	Archie Matte
Aime Ravenelle	Roger Favreau
Armand Gibeault	Melvin Williams

Call Men — Aerial No. 1

Captain, Eugene Blais	Lieutenant, Napoleon Blais
Raoul Plouffe	Louis Ciprari
Armand Durocher	Arthur Caplette
Angelo Monaco	Francis Healy
Raymond Dartt	Anthony DiPeitro
Raymond Houle	

Supt. of Fire Alarm
Normand LaRochelle

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 48 alarms for forest fires in 1954.

Forest Fire Warden's salary, \$200.00.

There were 453 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

3 Forest Fire pumps	\$3,000.00
4900 Ft. of 1½ in. hose	2,400.00
6 1½ in. shut-off nozzles	125.00
6 1-in. shut-off nozzles	120.00
8 Open end nozzles	54.00
1 ½ ton Ford truck	800.00
22 2½ gallon extinguishers	155.00
13 Indian fire pumps	163.50
4 2½ gallon hand pumps	60.00
6 Ten quart pails	15.00
14 Brooms	14.00
2 Shovels	2.00
12 Reducers	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels	Emile Caouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,731.00 for this Department.

During the past year the Ambulances made the following trips:

Southbridge	357
Sturbridge	55
Worcester	54
Charlton	46
Boston	19
Fiskdale	19
Brimfield	8
Jamaica Plains	7
Tewksbury	5
Dodge	5
Holland	5
Dudley	5
Spencer	4
Barre	4
West Dudley	3
West Boylston	2
Grafton	2
Brookfield	2
Wales	2
Ludlow	1
Upton	1
Millbury	1
Leominster	1
Oxford	1
East Brimfield	1
Springfield	1
East Thompson, Conn.	1
Putnam, Conn.	1
Northampton	1
Webster	1
Woodstock, Conn.	1
Total	616

Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1	Cadillac Ambulance	\$3,000.00
1	Packard Ambulance	4,000.00
2	Spare Tires	35.00
2	Folding Stretchers	60.00
1	Orthopatic Stretcher	60.00

2	First Aid Kits	10.00
2	Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
3	Pillows	7.50
19	Pillow Cases	8.50
15	Sheets	15.00
24	Blankets	96.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.:

The Board of Health met March 4, 1954 and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Chairman; Dr. Armand Degrenier, Clerk, and Mr. Henry Demers, Publicity Chairman.

During the year 12 regular and 4 special meetings were held.

On September 1, 1954, the Board appointed Mr. Arthur Ballard, plumbing, milk and food inspector.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered during the year, and six patients received treatment in Sanatoria, at the present time four patients are being hospitalized at the County Sanatorium, contacts, suspicious cases and cases reported to us by their family physician are examined and X-rayed at the County Sanatorium, transportation to and from West Boylston is provided in most cases.

Report submitted by the various members of our staff are contained in the following pages.

We wish to thank all the Citizens who have cooperated and assisted the Department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D., Chairman
DR. ARMAND DEGRENIER, D.M.D.
HENRY DEMERS, P.H.G.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

The clerical work for the year 1954, included the tabulation of all deaths, and reported contagious diseases, recording the minutes of all regular and special meetings and necessary correspondence.

I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office:

Chicken Pox	26
Dog Bite	28

Mumps	44
German Measles	1
Measles	48
Meningococcal	2
Scarlet Fever	11
Tuberculosis	3
Whooping Cough	15
Diphtheria	2
Typhoid Fever	1
Bacillary Sonne	6
Poliomyelitis	2
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List of deaths for 1954 which this office issued permits for burial:

Rheumatic Heart	1
Arterioclerotic	18
Chronic Myocarditis	1
Congestive Heart Failure	3
Coronary Occlusion	3
Coronary Thrombosis	39
Hypertensive Heart Disease	3
Unknown	2
Myocardial Infarct	2
Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	3
Cerebral Hemorrhage	18
Respiratory Failure	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia	5
Pulmonary Embolism	5
Myocardial Failure	3
Pulmonary Edema	4
Chronic Myocarditis	2
Lobar Pneumonia	2
Bronchial Pneumonia	4
Carcinoma of Ovary	1
Carcinoma of Intestine	2
Carcinoma of Rectum	3
Carcinoma of Breast	2
Carcinoma of Liver	1
Carcinoma of Stomach	5
Cancer of Prostate	2
Cancer of the Esophagus	2
Cancer of Colon	1
Intestinal Obstruction	3
Fractured Spine	1
Uremia	3
Cancer of Bladder	1
Axphyxia	1
Pathological Studies	1

Cancer of the Lungs	5
Bleeding Duodenal	1
Hernia	1
Gastric Hemorrhage	1
Gangrene	1
Cancer of Cecum	1
Senility	1
Leukemia	1
Fractured Pelvis	1
Fractured Skull	1
Sub Arochnoid Hemorrhage	1
Suicide	2
Prematurity	14
Still Born	4

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Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Agent.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1954.

I received, during the year, 39 complaints; all were investigated.

Permits and Licenses Issued

Day School	2
Boarding for the Aged	1
Vapor Bath	1
Convalescent and Nursing Home	1
Slaughter House	1
Funeral Director	5
Anti-Freeze	42

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Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Tuberculosis Clinics

Bi-weekly clinics were scheduled at the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium for chest X-ray and examination of patients, referred by their family physician. Sixty-one persons were X-rayed, thirteen as routine to assist physicians to confirm their diagnosis, nineteen were ex-sanatoria patients, reporting for a regular checkup, twenty-four were contacts, and five, as a requirement for admission to college. Nine patients were hospitalized for treatment in three sanatoria. The number of days residence for each patient varies according to the severity of the disease.

Dental Clinics

Each school year we have sixty-four clinic periods, to clean and repair carious teeth, also to teach children the value of oral hygiene, and its relation to health. During the first few years of school, care of the teeth is still largely a matter of forming the habit of regular cleaning, and the clinic stimulates this habit. The allotted time for each pupil is limited, it's often necessary to have them return several times, in order to complete the work. Two clinic periods in class rooms were used to chart dental defects. Three hundred and fifty-nine pupils were examined. Four hundred and nineteen reported to the clinics, all had their teeth cleaned, plus two hundred and fifty-three fillings.

Immunization Clinics

Our annual immunization program for the prevention of diphtheria, whooping-cough, and tetanus took place on the following dates—January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, and April 6th, plus two class-room sessions for booster injections.

Primary immunization should be followed by a recall (booster) injection, one year after completion for children immunized in infancy. Repeated again at five or six years of age, and thereafter every five years through elementary and the tenth and eleventh grades in High School. Two hundred and thirty were given a booster dose, and a hundred and thirteen had the initial series of three injections a month apart. It is interesting to note that more than fifty percent of the pupils entering school for the first time were immunized by their family physician.

Pre-School Clinics

The preparation of children to enter school in the Fall is considered a part of the school health program. The first aim of the clinic, to make it possible for every child to enter school free from remedial defects. A great deal of time was necessary to check and record names, birth dates, and addresses of children eligible for the kindergarten and first grade. The

school census list furnished us with this information. Three hundred nad eighty-seven letters were sent. Parents also received a copy of the data necessary for school records, and an appointment date to register. These clinics were held in the school nurse's office in the High School building, on April 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and May 4th, 5th and 6th. Three hundred and thirty-five registered. Thirty-five reported the following week to the school physicians for a physical examination, and the remaining group were examined by their own family physician.

A total of five hundred and twelve pupils were examined by the school physician, in the following grades—two, four, six and eight in St. Mary's, Ste. Jeanne d'Arc, and Notre Dame schools. As part of the physical examination each year, the nurse weighs and measures all the pupils, except the kindergarten. Two hundred and sixty-two pupils had a hearing test, and two hundred and seventy-two had a vision test. Parents were notified of failures, and advised to have defects corrected as soon as possible.

The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten, and the Southbridge Nursery Kindergarten schools were inspected in the Spring and Fall. Total enrollment, fifty-three pupils. Both schools were found to have adequate facilities, and a pleasant environment.

During seven months of the school year, sixty-six parochial school children were provided with a bottle of milk for a mid-morning lunch. Pupils, teachers, and others concerned wish to thank the Lions' Club for funds donated for this health measure.

Home visits were made to instruct families on the care and prevention of communicable diseases, also office interviews with parents in reference to school problems and information regarding health resources for correction of defects and handicapped children.

A brief summary of statistics in this report, may give a better understanding of the major part of the health program.

Number of Interviews with Doctors, Nurses, State Supervisors, Social Workers, Teachers, District Health Officer		307
Number of School Visits		206
Number of Home Visits		106
Number of Vision Tests		272
Number of Hearing Tests		262
Number of Pupils Interviewed		77
Number of Immunization Clinics		6
Number of Pupils Immunized		343
Number of Registration Clinics		8

Number of Children Registered	350
Number of Dental Clinics	64
Number of Children Reporting to Clinics	419
Number of Children Examined in Class Rooms	359

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.,
Board of Health Nurse.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During the year, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets	169
Lavatories	139
Bath Tubs	90
Kitchen Sinks	95
Laundry Trays	13
Shower Stalls	16
Urinals	10
Garbage Grinders	1
Clothes Washing Machines	15
Dish Washing Machines	2
Bar or Soda Fountain Sinks	1
Indirect and Tankless Heaters	57
Hot Water Tanks (Range Boilers)	19
Floor Drains	2
Utility Sinks	2
Laboratory Sinks	9
Dental Units	2
Water Coolers	3
Water Pipe Renewals	7

Total Fixtures and Appliances	694
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In addition, 32 connections were made to public sewers.

Where no public sewers were available 9 septic tanks were installed with drainage fields.

Number of Permits Granted	187
Number of Inspections	243
Number of Water Tests	58
Unfinished Jobs on Dec. 31, 1954	23

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

This is my report for the year 1954 as slaughtering inspector for the Town of Southbridge.

Cattle	Hogs	Calves	Sheep	Goats
7	17	7	8	0

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE PODIATRIST

To the Board of Health Physician:

Dear Sir:

Herewith, I submit a partial report of the examination of Parochial School Children. This report includes the 8th, 6th, 4th and 2nd grades of St. Mary's and Notre Dame Schools. Still to be examined are the children of St. Jeanne d'Arc School and also those children who are in the odd grades and in whom defects were found in the course of last year's examination. Total examined thus far, 308.

Following is a classification of the defects found in the examination:

Posture	3
Skin Disorders	33
Orthopedic Conditions	60
Nail Disorders	26
Hygiene	10

Many of these conditions are of a minor nature and having been brought to the attention of the parents, will soon be corrected.

The examination of the remaining children should be completed in a few weeks.

Sincere thanks to the Board of Health Nurse, Miss Houle, to the school authorities, personnel and the parents for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Southbridge Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The result of the annual inspection of the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

St. Mary's School Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade 2 — 24 Pupils

Enlarged Tonsils	1
Enlarged Cervical Glands	1

Grade 4 — 20 Pupils

Teeth	4
Enlarged Tonsils	4
Tonsils Removed	1

Grade 6 — 29 Pupils

Teeth	5
Enlarged Tonsils	4

Grade 8 — 27 Pupils

Teeth	5
Enlarged Tonsils	2

Notre Dame School Physical Examination — Defects Listed

Grade 2 — 93 Pupils

Teeth	5
Enlarged Tonsils	13
Enlarged Cervical Glands	3

Grade 4 — 70 Pupils

Teeth	19
Enlarged Tonsils	5
Enlarged Cervical Glands	1

Grade 6 — 70 Pupils

Teeth	12
Enlarged Tonsils	11
Each—(Discharging, under treatment)	1
Poor Posture	1

Grade 8 — 53 Pupils

Teeth	10
Enlarged Tonsils	3
Skin Condition (Acne)	3

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School
Physical Examination — Defects Listed

Grade 2 — 46 Pupils

Teeth	4
Enlarged Tonsils	8
Enlarged Cervical Glands	7
Skin Condition	1

Grade 4 — 32 Pupils

Teeth	9
Enlarged Tonsils	10

Grade 6 — 28 Pupils

Teeth	13
Enlarged Tonsils	3

Grade 8 — 20 Pupils

Teeth	3
Skin Condition	3

Respectfully submitted,
 RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New Buildings	38
Remodeling and Additions to Already Erected Buildings	23
Additions to Old Wiring	182
Oil Burners	105
Electric Ranges	94
Electric Hot Water Heaters	12
Miscellaneous	14
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Total Permits Issued	468
Inspections While Work is in Progress	846
Recommendations to Change Wiring	25

Respectfully submitted,
 CLARENCE A. BACHAND,
 Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1954 of the Police Department.

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town Departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police, who have donated so generously of their time to the public service of the Town, the parents and members of the School Safety Patrol and the Citizens of our Community in the year 1954.

Assaults	5
Assault to Rape	2
Arson	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	7
Forgery	2
Larceny	22
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority	1
Accosting	1
Violation of Town By-Law	9
Absent Without Leave from Armed Forces	2
Disturbance of Public Peace	7
Operating so as to Endanger	3
Operating While Under the Influence of Liquor	19
Drunkenness	(Females 18) 217
False Fire Alarms	2
Fornication	1
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation	1
Lewdness	1
Violation of Liquor Laws	1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	91
Neglect, Desertion, Non-Support of Children, Family	(1 Female) 4
Violation of Traffic Rules	(3 Females) 132
Vagrancy	7
Carrying Dangerous Weapon	1
Malicious Mischief	2
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TOTAL PERSONS ARRESTED	(22 Females) 545
Personal Injury Accidents Reported (2 Bikes, 13 Pedestrians)	35
Property Damage Accidents Reported	40
Sound Truck Permits Issued	37

13. Repair Roof, Depot Station—Southbridge Roofing.
14. Paint Depot Station—Priscilla Paint.
15. New Office—Welfare Department in Town Hall—H. J. Madore Construction.
16. Morris Street Sidewalk—Highway Department.

New Streets Laid Out

Highland Street Extension	Hook, Central, Foster, and
Mary Ellen Lane	North Sts.
Judith Street	Snow Street
Dennison Hill Road	Forest Avenue

Investigations

1. Locate Sewer Lines:

Green Avenue	Park Street
Old Sturbridge Road	Liberty Street
Dennison Drive	Westwood Hill

2. Drainage:

High and Glover Street	Jennison Street
Margaret Street	Charlton Street
Lebanon Hill	Fiske Street
Wall Street	Cohasse Brook at Oak Ridge
Central Street	Cemetery

3. Street Bounds Set:

Lebanon Hill (2)	Lyons Street (2)
Newman Avenue (2)	Faulkner Avenue (2)
Roosevelt Drive (2)	Langlois Avenue (3)
Columbia Street (1)	Hartwell Terrace (2)
Belmont Street (2)	Dennison Hill Road (7)
Dennison Drive (2)	

4. Pole Locations:

Morris Street

5. Street Lines and Grades:

Lovely Street	Roger Street
Highland Street	Laurel Street
Henry Street Field	Alumni Field
Chapin Street	Newman Avenue
Charlton Street	Cole Avenue
Road from Chestnut to Cohasse	River Street
Street or Everett Street	Elm Street
Park Street	Morris Street
Liberty Street	Grades at Brookside Bridge
Grades at Vinton Street Bridge	Windsor Court
Dennison Drive	Hartwell Street Extension

6. Locating and Listing Veterans' Graves:

Saint Mary's Cemetery	Oak Ridge Cemetery
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Other Miscellaneous Investigations

1. Articles for Town Meetings.
2. House Numbers (90).
3. Rotary at North Street (A. O.)
4. Hearing on Route #131 (Boston).
5. Waiver of Damages (Highland Street).
6. Right of Way Plan (West Street School).
7. Sign on Hook Street.
8. Main Street Curb.
9. South Street Stop Signs.
10. Industrial Sites.
11. Parking Meters on Hamilton Street.
12. Check Gravel Banks.
13. Chimney Repair — Town Hall.
14. Check Accident Sites (2).
15. Eastford Road—Water Line, Land Damage.
16. Federal Housing Plan for Possible Use as Recreational Area.
17. Hurricane Damage Repairs.
18. Sewer and Sidewalk Commitments.
19. Cole Trade School Addition.
20. Perambulating Town Boundaries.
21. Hurricane Damage.

Mr. William Congdon, Graves Registration Officer for Veterans' Graves, requested the Board of Selectmen for accurate records of Veterans' burial locations. The cemetery plans, having never been completed, required a complete re-surveying, planning, renumbering of all lots in order to give proper registration to Veterans' Graves. This work has been completed in the Oak Ridge Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery.

The hurricane of September 11, 1954 has done great damage in the Town of Southbridge. It has completely washed out three bridges and undermined another to the extent that it has had to be closed and will require reconstruction. Three of these bridges are all over the Cady Brook; the other is over the Dean Brook.

We estimate the cost of rebuilding the bridges to be as follows:

Brookside Road Bridge (Cady Brook)	\$35,000.00
Vinton Street Bridge (Cady Brook)	35,000.00
Sewer Bed Bridge (Cady Brook)	2,500.00 - \$4,500.00

State and Federal authorities have been contacted in regards to rebuilding of the above bridges and possible participation by either or both agencies. Temporary repairs and the placement of a Bailey span by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made it possible to open the streets to traffic, and when reply of participation by either or both agencies is made

available to Town authorities, then we can know the exact cost to the Town.

Through the cooperation of Representative Leo J. Cournoyer, Board of Selectmen, and the Engineering Department, approval has been obtained of improvements to various channels in the Town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which can be undertaken under provisions of Chapter 91 of the General Laws. These channels are as follows:

- 1—Cohasse Brook channel improvements from Main Street to Eastford Road, \$20,000.00.
- 2—Cady Brook from Quinebaug River to a point 100 feet upstream from Randolph Street, channel excavation and river walls where necessary, \$35,000.00.
- 3.—Nuisance Brook has, as you know, been the subject of considerable study over a long period of time and a summary of of the various proposals and their cost would appear to be timely. One scheme (probably the best) would consist of a diversion pipe from a point between Reservoir #1 and Reservoir #2 through the intersection of West Street and South Street, thence into the Quinebaug River. Another scheme is to enclose the brook in a pipe between Dresser Street and Dupaul Street.

A recent examination of a 1937 report to the town by Charles T. Main, Incorporated, Consulting Engineers, indicates that the culvert under Main St. and under buildings on the north side of Main Street and under the Ford Service Station are bottlenecks which probably cause the flooding in that vicinity. It is roughly estimated that the culverts in this area could be improved for approximately \$50,000.00.

The Board of Selectmen appointed me as Liaison Officer between the State Hurricane Relief Board and the Board of Selectmen, relative to the operation of Section 4 of Chapter 689, Acts of 1954.

Up to date, we have received approval for reimbursement of \$1,762.05 for hurricane "Carol." No appropriation has been made to date for hurricane "Edna," from which the Town suffered the heaviest.

Again this year, all work was done with the full cooperation of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, which resulted in better work and a great saving to the Town of Southbridge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your board and other boards, committees, and departments, for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,
Town Engineer.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1954.

The amount of fees collected for the Town through this Department was \$398.20.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs.		5	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.		1	
100 to 5,000 lbs.		80	
Under 100 lbs.		176	
Weights		337	
Yard Sticks		15	
Liquid Measures		20	
Gas Meters	7	73	
Vehicle Meters	9	31	1
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Total	16	738	1

Retests Made

Gas Pumps	8
Berry Baskets	12
Oil Jars	12
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	32

Weighing and Inspections

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	284	252	11	21
Butter	180	180		
Confectionary	160	160		
Dry Commodities ..	88	88		
Dry Goods	12	12		
Flour	156	150	6	
Fruits & Vegetables	200	182	18	
Lard	90	88		2
Meat & Prov.	255	227	7	21
Potatoes	240	205	15	20
Coal in Bags	25	25		
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	1690	1569	57	64

Other Inspections

Paper Cartons	10
Peddlers Licenses	15
Milk Jars	50
Bread Markings	284
Food Packages	887
Coal Bag Markings	25
Wholesale Milk Cans	10
Clinical Thermometers	20
Peddlers Scales	5
Ice Cream Cans	3
Oil Jars	110
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Respectfully submitted,

GERARD R. LARIVIERE,
Sealer.

DEPT. OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The year 1954 witnessed two hurricanes, namely Carol and Edna, which swept throughout New England and caused damage to this area. Your department of Civilian Defense, though limited to its organized facilities, performed helpful services to the Community.

The Communications Division operated by the Quinebaug Valley Radio Club kept Southbridge open through the Amateur Air Waves with Communications to the more important cities and C. D. Headquarters. They also took active part in the Command Post Exercises held in 1954 and made the regular monthly Connel-Rad tests successfully with the State C. D. hook-up. The division was also called out for the "All-Out-CD Test" held in Stratford, Conn., in November when their communications system gave out and were commended highly for the efficient services rendered.

The Auxiliary Police were called out for duty during the hurricanes and also performed Police Duties at the Little and Bigger League Baseball games at Dresser Street Field; were assigned for the Fourth of July Holiday as well as the Community Halloween Party in October. Each member has been familiarized with the duties of regularly assigned Police Of-

ficers on the various beats of the Town and can take over in case of any emergency.

Two hundred paper blankets, supplied through the State C. D. were added to the First Aid Stations located at the Globe Fire Station and here at Police Headquarters. These stations consist of surgical implements and supplies that may be used by the Town for any emergency that may arise.

Respectfully submitted,
OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
Chief of Police.

VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

To the honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

This department is pleased to submit for your consideration its ninth report concerning its activities. During the course of the year, we have had veterans of the Town of Southbridge and their dependents avail themselves of the following services:

Allotment or Allowance	21
Burial	14
Civil Service	35
Compensation	27
Discharge Copy Record	19
Education, Training, Rehabilitation	110
Flags	11
Hospitalization	76
Income Questionnaire	98
Insurance	38
Korean Veterans Bonus	204
Medical — Dental (out patient)	218
Notarization	505
Combat Pay	3
Pensions	61
Photostat	515
Selective Service	17
Social Security	11
Tax Abatement	130
Veterans Administration	2400
Unemployment Compensation	275

Veterans Benefits:

Permanent Cases	76
Temporary Cases	71

In addition to the above, many cases are pending settlement and as a result, constant follow-up service is maintained and reviews and appeals are requested where awards are considered unfair or insufficient.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to all Town Departments, officials at Holyoke Soldier's Home, Roxbury and Boston V. A. Hospitals, local industries, veterans organization and all others with whose co-operation the services of this department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND G. HETU,
PAUL H. BENOIT,
Directors.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 P. M. throughout the year.

Mr. Herbert H. Michon, Welfare Agent for twenty-seven years, retired on August 1, 1954.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance and the Town Infirmary.

GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by local Board of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

Caseload

	Cases	Persons
January	57	162
February	62	141
March	64	163
April	61	165
May	57	159
June	63	173
July	55	143
August	61	155
September	47	115

October	52	114
November	53	115
December	55	119

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$40,131.39
State Reimbursements	3,119.43
Cities and Towns	195.00
Refunds	135.00
Total Reimbursements	3,449.43
Net Cost to Town	36,681.96
Average net cost to Town monthly	3,056.83
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	53.62

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Mothers' Club, the Elks, various Scout groups, the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations at Christmas time and the various organizations who helped throughout the year to provide extras to the needy children of the Community.

We also wish to express our thanks to the individuals who responded to our appeal for washing machines, and to the Southbridge Evening News for their co-operation.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother, or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either his father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of cases
January	26
February	26
March	27
April	28
May	27
June	30
July	32
August	28
September	30

October	32
November	33
December	32

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$45,366.29
Federal Reimbursements	19,618.87
State Reimbursements	16,784.40
Refunds and Recoveries	927.90
Total Reimbursements	37,331.17
Net cost to Town	8,035.12
Average net cost to Town monthly	669.59
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	22.32

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance, established by Chapter 118A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and citizens of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of cases
January	318
February	318
March	319
April	318
May	319
June	320
July	327
August	325
September	326
October	324
November	312
December	312

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$227,678.19
Federal Reimbursements	110,946.81

State Reimbursements	79,466.70
Cities and Towns Reimbursements	1,922.53
Meal Tax	6,334.07
Refunds	1,372.80
Total Reimbursements	200,042.91
Net Cost to Town	27,635.28
Average net cost to Town monthly	2,302.92
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	7.20

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established by Chapter 118D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for assistance under this program, a person must be 18 years of age or over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Caseload

	No. of cases
January	18
February	18
March	18
April	18
May	19
June	19
July	19
August	19
September	19
October	19
November	19
December	19

Expenses and Reimbursements 1954

Total Cost	\$18,023.90
State Reimbursements	5,466.49
Federal Reimbursements	7,663.60
Refunds	45.35
Total Reimbursements	13,175.44
Net Cost to Town	4,848.46
Average net cost to Town monthly	404.03
Average net cost to Town monthly per case	21.26

INFIRMARY

The Infirmary is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling.

We have averaged 16 inmates a month through the year at a cost of \$12.72 per week per inmate.

We wish to express our thanks to Le Club Sociale, West Street School, Pack 163 Sacred Heart Cub Scouts Den 4, Women's Club of Congregational Church, Youths of the American Council of Churches, Youths of the Baptist Church, and individuals who donated gifts to the inmates.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE E. LaRIVIERE, Chairman
OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk
HERMAS LIPPE, Third Member
LILIAN G. PROULX, Welfare Agt.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1954.

All Catch Basins were cleaned, drainage pipes flushed, and broken pipes removed and replaced with new pipe.

The Guard Rails on various streets and roads were repaired where necessary and repainted.

The Road Oiling program was carried out with streets being treated as listed below:

Roberts Street—210 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Plimpton Street—1110 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Walcott Street—532 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Williams Street—351 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Cole Avenue—1590 gals. MC-2 sand covered.

Highland Street—1100 gals. MC-2 sand covered.

Tory Road—5850 gals. MC-2 penetration sand covered.

2345 gals. MC-3 seal sand covered.

Alpine Drive—3200 gals. MC-2 penetration sand covered.

4761 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Morris Street—1260 gals MC-2 sand covered.

Town Hall Drive and Parking Area—400 gals. MC-3 sand Covered.

Cliff Street—2353 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Paige Hill—2164 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Twinehurst Place—400 gals. MC-2 sanded and honed.

Charlton Street—2040 gals. MC-3 sanded and honed.
 Clemence Hill—4701 gals. MC-2 sanded and Honed.
 Town Dump Road—1300 gals. MC-2 sand covered.
 Lebanon Hill—500 MC-1 penetration sand covered.
 2069 MC-2 sanded and Honed.
 1945 RC-5 with pea stone cover.
 Dennison Drive—1400 MC-1 sand covered.
 Dennison Lane—500 MC-1 penetration sand covered.
 2567 MC-2 sanded and honed.
 Chestnut Street—500 MC-1 sand covered.
 Hartwell Street—1651 RC-5 with pea stone cover.
 Durfee Street—2042 gals. MC-2 penetration sand covered.
 Dudley Road—1803 gals. MC-2 sand covered.
 Fiske Street—2037 MC-2 sanded and honed.
 Durfee Street—1803 gals. MC-2 seal sand covered.

NEW EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

1 Oliver Tractor with Front End Loader	\$ 3,460.75
1 Dodge Truck with Elgin Eductor	11,520.00
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	\$14,980.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Dresser Hill Road	\$ 470.56
Dudley Road	50.00
East Main Street	255.84
Hamilton Street	75.00
Mechanic Street	100.00
North Woodstock Road	700.00
Old North Woodstock Road	217.90
Worcester Street	320.70
River Road	200.00
Eastford Road	510.00
Brickyard Road	100.00
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	\$3,000.00

TOWN DUMP ACCOUNT

Caretaker's Salary	\$2,160.00
Rodent Control	900.00
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	\$3,060.00

RUBBISH COLLECTION ACCOUNT

9 Monthly Collections	\$3,495.62
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SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

Labor	\$5,315.68
Truck Hire	517.50
Rental of Loader	90.00
Sand	950.95
Salt	1,877.29
Meals	82.15
Plowing and Sanding Blackmer Road	171.50
Plowing and Sanding Crops Road	50.00
Plowing Town Sidewalks	47.50
Gasoline	848.19
Snow Plow Repairs	3.00
Snow Fence	44.00
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	\$9,997.76

HIGHLAND STREET STORM DRAIN

Labor	\$ 232.04
12" R. C. Pipe	306.00
Brick for Catch Basins	121.50
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	112.50
Manhole Frames and Covers	72.00
Gravel	47.50
Mason Building Catch Basins and Manholes	97.40
Lumber	12.69
Rental of Backhoe	45.00
MC-2 Asphalt	74.97
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	\$1,121.60

HENRY STREET FIELD STORM DRAIN

Labor	\$ 293.80
Sewer Brick	121.50
Mason Building Catch Basins and Manholes	93.60
Steel for Grates	38.06
Lumber	10.80
Rental of Backhoe	172.50
Gravel	295.00
Square 3 Flange Frames and Grates	35.00
15" Perforated Metal Culvert	936.46
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	\$1,996.72

MOON STREET DRAIN

Labor	\$ 724.19
12" R. C. Pipe	538.56
"D" Frames and Grates	148.49

Rental of Hackhoe	277.00
Brick	138.25
Gravel	7.50
Mason Building Catch Basins	242.00
Rental of Bulldozer	36.00
Cement	50.00
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	\$2,161.99

REPAIRS TO SWIMMING POOL BRIDGE

Labor	\$ 266.25
Angle Iron	18.55
8" I Beam	73.60
2" Pipe Rail	36.25
Oak Planks	40.75
Paint	16.00
Bolts, Nuts and Washers	9.69
Wire and Switches for Welding	85.89
4" Channel Iron	15.79
Spikes	2.88
Steel	5.11
Electric Power	1.00
Bituminous Patch	77.28
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	\$ 649.04

FRANKLIN TERRACE GUARD RAIL

Labor	\$ 90.51
Triangular Guard Rail Posts	52.50
Bolts and Washers	8.78
Lumber	33.00
Paint	80.01
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	\$ 264.80

MORRIS STREET SIDEWALK

Labor	\$ 517.54
Washed Sand	12.00
Washed Gravel	21.60
Expansion Joints	7.36
Lumber	36.62
Nails80
Masonry	195.00
Concrete	224.75
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	\$1,015.67

RANDOLPH STREET BRIDGE

Labor	\$ 100.84
Butt Plates	17.96
Lumber	100.31
Gravel	3.00
Crane Rental	32.10
Concrete	61.50
Shovel Rental	96.50
Supplies	6.65
Mason Building Wing Walls	173.35
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	\$ 592.21

VINTON STREET BRIDGE

Labor	\$ 154.00
Material	9.00
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	\$ 163.00

BROOKSIDE ROAD BRIDGE

Shovel Rental	\$ 109.00
Gravel	15.00
Crane Rental	23.00
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	\$ 147.00

I wish to thank all other Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BENOIT,
Highway Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Planning Board this year continued its work on the master plan in spite of a curtailment in last year's appropriation for this work.

Questions to the Board from the Building Inspector, the Town Engineer and the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and local builders were appropriately handled.

To help owners of corner lots in their landscaping the question of corner visibility was brought up many times to us. We referred them to the Town By-Laws on Zoning, Section 3, Part 2, Paragraph B—"Vegetation between the street lines of

intersecting streets and a circular curve about the point of intersection of the two street lines and having a radius equal to twice the setback required in that district, no vegetation other than shade trees may be maintained in any residence district above a height three (3) feet above the plane through the established grades at the street lines."

The layout of the street near the old Depot was planned and drawn but not presented to the Town Meeting by agreement of all parties. The Board accepted an invitation to be represented on the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee.

The economic condition of the Town was reflected in our sub-division control, the Board received only one request for a sub-division conditional approval. This was granted to Louis Morin, builder, for a development off of Woodycrest Avenue consisting of ten lots and two streets, Judith Avenue and Mary Ellen Lane.

One member of the Board, Mr. Raymond Gendron, resigned to find employment outside of Southbridge, the vacancy caused by his resignation will be filled at the next Town Election.

During the past year the Town was visited by several hurricanes, the most rambunctious—Lady Edna—visited on September 11. After her departure we recognized the need for improvement to handle the flow of traffic on some of our public ways. To help in this need the Planning Board is making two recommendations and will submit two articles of the Board of Selectmen for insertion in the Warrant for the Town Meeting in March of 1955.

During hurricane "Edna" Route 131 at Joe McKay's store, was inundated and made impassable to automotive traffic. Traffic going along Ashland Avenue, westerly, was detoured at the mill up to North Woodstock Road. This section was made one way. Traffic from the opposite direction at Ashland Avenue and North Woodstock Road was detoured south along Route 93 to North Woodstock, making a detour of several miles to some Southbridge residents.

The Board will submit the following article: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for the widening, relocating, straightening or reconstruction of Ashland Avenue to a two-lane road from Route 131 near the Sandersdale mill to the North Woodstock Road for the purpose of promoting the public safety and convenience or act anything thereon."

The other recommendation pertains to a bridge over Cady Brook on Randolph Street: we recommend that a bridge to handle two-way traffic plus a sidewalk be built on Randolph Street, and for this purpose will submit the following article:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, bor-

row or transfer a sum of money for the construction of a two-lane bridge with sidewalk over Cady Brook on Randolph Street or act anything thereon."

The construction of this bridge will help the traffic bottleneck at Lippe's Corner, will be of convenience to delivery trucks and other house to house merchants. At the present time, should the bridge be blocked on Charlton Street at Lippe's Corner because of fire or accident it would mean traffic over Cady Brook would have to be detoured 3,800 feet up the road to Vinton Street bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND A. RYAN,
JAMES J. FALLON,
WILLIAM B. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Planning Board.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is my report as Inspector of Animals for the Town of Southbridge. I quarantined thirty-one dogs, inspected all barns and enumerated all neat animals for the State of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 9, Article 8 of the March 8, 1954 Town Report, the following is the report of the Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation for the year ending December 31, 1954:

1. The Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation was organized on May 11, 1954 with Ernest Farland, Chairman; Mario J. DeAngelis, Clerk, and G. W. Laugh-

nane as third member. The Board held eight (8) meetings during 1954, and reviewed eight (8) cases.

2. Section 1, Article 8 of the 1954 Town Report allows employees ten (10) paid holidays per year provided holidays fall on regular work days. Many of the town employees were given the Friday after Thanksgiving, and the Friday before Christmas off with pay. This is in violation of the policy accepted by the Town.

3. In order that a complete record of all sick leaves may be kept, heads of all departments must report to the Town Accountant all persons who take sick leave in accordance with Section 3, Article 9 of the March 8, 1954 Annual Report. At present, this procedure is not being followed.

4. The rate of pay for temporary personnel at present varies in each department. In hiring personnel for temporary work, department heads must be sure that they pay the minimum wage in the job classification for that particular position.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST FARLAND, Chairman
M. J. DeANGELIS, Clerk
G. W. LAUGHNANE, Member of Board

**REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

TRUSTEES FOR THE EDWARDS BEQUEST

W. Wesley Crawford Jacob K. Edwards
Ellsworth D. Mitchell John O. Martin

FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte Edward P. Sheehan
Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1955:

Monday - Friday 10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Saturday 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1955:

January 1 New Year's Day
February 22 Washington's Birthday
May 30 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day
September 5 Labor Day

October 12	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The year 1954 was seemingly uneventful but was, nevertheless, a very busy one at the library. In addition to the usual routine, however, there have been various events and activities which seem worthy of recording.

The annual summer reading club was held as usual in the library club room. The circus motif was stressed this year and clowns, high wire artists and circus animals were featured in the decorations, while the reading tally was kept by means of balloons of various colors. Games were played and the last meeting was a real party with refreshments. Mrs. Hazelton, Children's Librarian, and Miss Suzanne Lamarine had charge of the group. There were 90 children registered and an average attendance of 42.

During Book Week, about 150 new children's books were displayed. It was very gratifying to see how well they were received and the real interest that was shown. Parents as well as children came to see the exhibit and commented most favorably.

One of the highlights of the year was the presentation of about 100 records to the library. This project was carried through by a group who are particularly interested in music and who desired to have good classical records within the reach of everyone. It was decided to circulate them on a rental basis as there was no library fund available for replacement or additions. The circulation has not been large, which may be due to two reasons—lack of sufficient publicity and the fact that all the records are long-playing, for which comparatively few people have the properly equipped players. It is hoped, however, that more interest will be shown and that this fine gift will become the nucleus for an extensive, enjoyable and useful record library.

Last winter several Girl Scouts volunteered to help in the library, thereby earning credits toward merit badges. They came on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and helped with the book repairs, book processing, alphabetizing catalogue cards, shelf reading and straightening and in many ways made themselves useful.

Several changes took place among the staff personnel during the year. In February, Miss Suzanne Lamarine, who had been a part-time employee, became a member of the regular staff. She proved to be a valuable assistant and we were sorry to lose her in August when she left to plan for her college en-

trance in September. Mrs. Carmela DeAngelis took her place as circulation assistant and is still with us. We have three new part-time workers, Kathryn Hart, Joanne Houle and Sylvia Gregoire, who replaced Elizabeth Harvey, Rita Roy and Ramona DiBonaventura.

869 new adult books and 481 children's books were acquired. These include the best of the current fiction, new technical books which have brought our collections up-to-date, Atlases, a Collier's Encyclopedia, a ten-volume set of Junior Classics, and many of the outstanding juvenile books of the year. Also included in additions to the library shelves are many gifts which are always most acceptable. In 1954, 589 new borrowers were registered.

Reading trends will be shown in the following comparative table:

Comparative Table

	1953	1954
General Works	164	214
Philosophy	636	599
Religion	478	644
Sociology	1,175	1,233
Language	184	177
Science	677	866
Useful Arts	2,096	2,421
Fine Arts	1,725	2,043
Literature	1,405	1,579
History	1,306	992
Travel	1,303	1,301
Biography	1,879	2,274
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Total Adult Non-Fiction	12,769	17,844
Current Periodicals	3,507	3,071
Pamphlets	279	430
Foreign Books	347	289
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Total Adult Circulation	43,786	45,063
Children's Books and Magazines	28,317	31,598
Records		152
Pictures	413	389
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Grand Total	72,516	77,202

It is encouraging to note the increase in the circulation figures over last year.

Again, the library staff appreciates the opportunity offered to express its thanks for the fine cooperation of the Board of Trustees during the past. As always, the staff hopes to be of the greatest possible service to the people of Southbridge.

Statistical Record

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library	
Date of Founding		1871
Population served		18,000
Days open during year		304
Hours open each week		63
Number of volumes January 1, 1954		37,081
Number of volumes added		1,350
New	1,310	} Including 157 books by gift and transfer from rental collection
Replaced	40	
Number of volumes discarded and lost		785
Number of volumes December 31, 1954		37,646
Number of registered borrowers		4,880
Number of volumes lent for home use		77,202
Largest circulation for one day		453
Smallest circulation for one day		62
Average circulation per day		250

Library Staff

Acting Librarian	Hilda Heather
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Circulation Librarian	
	{ Suzanne Lamarine
	{ Carmela DeAngelis
Janitor	Joseph Lataille

Part-Time Staff

Marilyn Anderson	Sylvia Gregoire
Kathryn Hart	Elizabeth Harvey
Viola Michael	Rita Roy
Barbara St. Martin	Helen Rowley

Respectfully submitted,
HILDA T. HEATHER,
Acting Librarian.

1954 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash Balance, January 1, 1954 \$ 839.15

Receipts:

Town Appropriation—Regular	18,605.00
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00
Mynott Fund Interest	30.00
Trustees of Edwards Trust Funds	7,133.13
Rental of Records	19.88

\$27,627.16

Expenditures:

Payroll		\$13,998.29	
Building Expenses		2,284.57	
Operating Expenses		787.14	
Building Maintenance		1,386.41	
Grounds Maintenance		453.06	
Books and Periodicals		3,585.49	
Book Repairs		187.41	
Equipment		3.75	
Total Expenses			\$22,686.12
Transfer to E&D	\$ 101.76		
Transfer to Reserve for Building Repairs & Im- provements	3,500.00		
			3,601.76
Total			\$26,287.88
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954			\$ 1,339.28
Represented by:			
Trustee Cash	\$1,297.75		
Mynott Fund Interest	24.13		
Pilsudski Fund Interest	4.44		
Special Account	12.96		
	\$1,339.28		

**RESERVE FOR
BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance January 1, 1954	\$ 9,203.22
Add:	
Interest	278.14
Transfer	3,500.00
	\$12,981.36

PILSUDSKI BOOK CLUB FUND

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 203.27
Add:	
Interest	5.63
	\$ 208.90

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the Library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

Expenses paid by the Town:	1954		1955	
	Budget	%	Expenditures	Budget
Appropriation — Regular	\$18,605.00		\$18,503.24	\$19,340.00
Appropriation — Special	1,000.00		987.04	1,000.00
	<u>\$19,605.00</u>	76.5	<u>\$19,490.28</u>	<u>\$20,340.00</u>
			85.9	75.8
Expenses paid by Trust Funds:				
Edwards Trust	6,020.00	23.5	3,144.58	6,490.00
Mynott Fund			51.26	
	<u>\$25,625.00</u>	100.0	<u>\$22,686.12</u>	<u>\$26,830.00</u>
			100.0	100.0

If the amount collected by the Library and turned in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,156.37, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1954 is \$18,333.91, or 80.8% of the total cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1955 of \$6,490.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 75.8% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

In the interest of the public the Trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded through the addition of a building to be used as a Children's Library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 was set up as a capital outlay for 1948 — all or part of this amount to be raised by a bond issue. This recommendation was included in the warrant for 1948 and 1949, but it was turned down by the Finance Committee and the voters.

Again it is stressed that this needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available for adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

Approved by Trustees, The Jacob Edwards
Memorial Library,

NERIO W. PIOPI, Chairman,
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD,
JACOB K. EDWARDS,
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,
JOHN O. MARTIN,
E. D. MITCHELL,
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector for Southbridge from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Taxes: Levy of 1951

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	11.24
Collected	\$	11.24

Taxes: Levy of 1952

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	3,273.88
Payments to Treasurer	\$	3,183.96
Tax Title	89.92	\$ 3,273.88

Taxes: Levy of 1953

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	29,921.84
Payments to Treasurer	\$	27,495.00
Tax Title	160.33	
Abated	262.35	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	2,110.16	
	\$ 30,027.84	
Refunds	\$ 106.00	
		\$ 29,921.84

Taxes: Levy of 1954

Commitments from Assessors, Jan. 1, 1954	\$	984,778.49
Payments to Treasurer	\$	930,675.50
Tax Title	254.11	
Abated	14,461.73	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	40,363.65	
Refunds	\$ 976.40	
		\$ 984,778.49

Ambulance Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 647.50		
Commitments from Fire Dept.	2,515.00		
			\$ 3,162.50
Payments to Treasurer	2,083.00		
Abated	226.50		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	901.11		
Refunds		\$ 48.00	
			\$ 3,162.50

School Department:

Commitments from School Dept.			\$ 32,214.27
Abated40		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	837.28		
Payments to Treasurer	31,376.59		
			\$ 32,214.27

Selectmen:

Commitment per Warrants from Selectmen		\$ 1,850.00
Payments to Treasurer		1,850.00

Board of Health:

Commitment from Board of Health		\$ 1,708.13
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,681.70	
Abated	26.43	
		\$ 1,708.13

Airport:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 2,650.00		
Payments to Treasurer	600.00		
			\$ 2,050.00

Sewer Assessments:**Levy of 1953**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	161.44
Payments to Treasurer		161.44
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Sewer Assessment Interest:**Levy of 1953**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	6.05
Payments to Treasurer		6.05
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Excise Taxes:**Levy of 1952**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	60.31
Payments to Treasurer	\$	43.60
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954		16.71
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Excise Taxes:**Levy of 1953**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$	13,144.91
Commitments from		
Assessors	38,513.25	\$ 51,658.16
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 47,541.17	
Abated	2,799.95	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	1,715.47	
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Refunds	\$ 398.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 51,658.16
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Excise Taxes:**Levy of 1954**

Commitments from		
Assessors		\$ 130,413.21
Payments to Treasurer	\$111,724.25	
Abated	5,898.08	

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	14,236.64		
Refunds		\$1,445.76	
			\$ 130,413.21

Public Welfare Dept.:

General Relief			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 219.00		
Commitments	3,119.43		\$ 3,338.43
Payments to Treasurer	195.00		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	3,143.43		
			\$ 3,338.43

Old Age:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 582.14		
Commitments	1,392.05		\$ 1,974.19
Payments to Treasurer	1,585.08		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	389.11		
			\$ 1,974.19

Interests Costs and Fees:

Real Estate Interest, 1951	\$ 1.40
Personal Interest, 1952	3.24
Real Estate Interest, 1953	141.02
Excise Interest, 1953	149.95
Poll Interest, 195305
Personal Interest, 1953	71.50
Real Estate Interest, 1953	545.95
Personal Interest, 1954	17.25
Real Estate Interest, 1954	10.06
Added Interest on	
Sewers, 1953	3.22
Personal Fees, 1952	1.20
Real Estate Fees, 1952	3.15
Personal Fees, 1953	18.85

Real Estate Fees, 1953	48.55	
Poll Fees, 1954	136.50	
Personal Fees, 1954	12.05	
Real Estate Fees, 195435	
Excise Fees, 1953	27.67	
Excise Fees, 1954	101.15	
		\$ 1,293.11
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Grand Total Collected During 1954		\$1,160,213.58

I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
Town Collector.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

The following is our annual report on Recreation in the Town of Southbridge. It is submitted by the Chairman of each recreational area for the sake of clarity.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK P. SKINYON,
General Chairman Recreational Committee

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ALUMNI FIELD

Report to the General Chairman of the
Recreation Committee.

Dear Sir:

Alumni Field was used on an alternate week schedule by Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools, each school using the field four days on their scheduled week. Notre Dame High School used the field for half of their practice periods and for some of their games. It was used by the Parochial League consisting of 3 teams for practice and games.

The Grade School tournament, under the supervision of Dr. Lewis Kyrios, consisting of 4 teams in each sport used it for baseball and football.

The area was used for early season practice for Little Big-

ger League players. It was planned to move the softball area this year but increased activity of the area, the general re-conditioning of the entire field prohibited this.

The Community Soft Ball League used the field one night a week throughout the summer and the Industrial Soft Ball League used it one night each week for the same period of time. The area was used again this year for the gala Hallowe'en celebration which is conducted annually under the supervision of Chief of Police Ovide Desrosier.

The baseball diamond was raised to its proper playing grade with 27 cubic yards of loam early in the spring, a new batting cage was constructed, one of the dugouts was extensively repaired and center field and right field area were increased about 20 feet more by fill brought in from town road construction jobs.

The field was in good playing condition at all times throughout the summer when it was needed.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENZO BEAUPRE, Chairman
LEWIS KYRIOS
RAYMOND DARTT

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REPORT OF DRESSER STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the General Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

Dresser Street Field opened about the first of April this year and was quickly brought into condition for the beginning of the Summer Program of Recreation. Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools used the field on an alternate week schedule for practice and scheduled games. Notre Dame used the field for some of their teams practice and for some of their games, they also used the field several Saturday mornings.

The field was in use every school day in the afternoon by some school team from the middle of May until the end of June.

The diamond will be used by three varsity school teams in the future during the week day afternoons. There is room from greater use of the big diamond mornings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Track

The track was used for Mary E. Wells track events as were the broad jump pit, the shot put court and the high jump area in the spring. In the fall the field was used both by Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High School for practice and for conducting their cross county events. There were five track meets held last year and two cross county events.

Tennis

The tennis courts were used on a strictly recreational basis throughout the summer. The courts were used extensively by the Mary E. Wells for instruction in tennis.

Basketball

The regular schedule of the night basketball league was conducted again this year. This league consists of about 48 games which start at about 7:30 P. M. and under lights close about 10:00 P.M. The basketball court is in continual use from the time the field opens in the morning until it closes at night every day.

Little League

Little League was conducted for the fourth year playing about 48 games in its regular schedule. Little Bigger League finished its second successful year at the field this year. They played a complete schedule of about 36 games which start at about 6:00 P. M. and finish about 7:45 P. M.

General

The field was used for all sorts of purposes of a recreational or athletic nature. The Central Massachusetts Musicians put on their second annual musicale during the year; the Wells cheering squad used it for their practice area, various town athletes used it for conditioning purposes, horse-shoes, ping pong and running were in progress most of the time.

Maintenance

Over 75 cubic yards of loam were spread and rolled to bring the big diamond into good playing condition and back to its proper level. This must be done periodically, a new hot water heater was installed during the year, the bleachers and entire grand stand were repainted and the dugouts were repaired, resealed on cement and painted.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. DUFFY, Chairman
ALFRED FERRON
LOUIS VAN DERNOOT
JAMES VECCHIA
HORMIDAS BEAUDRY
SAMUEL SOTIR

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HENRY STREET FIELD

Report to the General Chairman of the
Recreation Committee.

Dear Sir:

Henry Street Field recreation area was supervised daily from 3:00 P. M. until 9:00 P. M. from about the first of May to the middle of October.

Approximately 115 softball games were played on the field with about 160 players participating and 100 to 400 spectators at each game.

The softball diamond was also used extensively by boys 8 to 18 years of age throughout the day from June to September.

Volley Ball

The volley ball court was used every night by children and grownups also from 6:00 o'clock to 9:00 P. M.

Basketball

The two basketball baskets were used every night by 10 to 20 boys. The horseshoe courts were in constant use, and the two ping pong tables were busy from morning until dark every day.

A large sand box, 12 swings, quoits and playground balls of different kinds which are available at the area afforded the children of the area thousands of hours of recreation throughout the summer. There is now at the field an area where about 200 cars can be parked without driving on any part of the playing area.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS E. BRUNELLE, Chairman
JAMES LAPRIORE
EDGAR McCANN

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SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Mr. Willard Stark, Chairman
Swimming Pool Committee
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Stark:

At your request, I am submitting my sixth annual report on the activities of the swimming pool for 1954.

Attendance

From June 19 to September 6, a total of 22,500 persons used the pool's facilities; 2,700 June, 14,800 July, 6,500 August, 500 September. Average daily attendance—281.

Rescues

Ten children, suffering in varying degrees from cramps, exhaustion and panic were helped to shore by the lifeguards during the swimming season. Many of these cases could have been much more serious had it not been for the efficient supervision of the lifeguard staff.

Instruction

The Red Cross Swimming Program, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Duquette, continued its fine work started a few years ago. Over 150 children were given instructions in swimming and lifesaving during the regular morning classes. As remarked in last year's report, such formal programs, together with the daily informal instruction given by members of the staff, will do much to develop stronger and more skillful swimmers in Southbridge.

Health & Safety

A continuous flow of city water and chlorination provided the chief safeguards against bacterial growth during the swimming season. These are perhaps the most efficient means of control we have under present conditions.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your committee for the splendid cooperation we received from you during the swimming season. It will be a pleasure to work with men who show unselfish devotion to the cause of recreation in our town.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD DESROCHES,
Swimming Pool Supervisor

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

The By-Laws Committee appointed by your Board wish to make a report on our progress as follows: Herewith we tender copies of the proposed by-laws.

We have sent a copy to the assistant attorney general for his comment and signature. We are also giving copies to various town officials including the Police Chief and Fire Chief as well as all the attorneys in town.

We have also made copies available to various companies and people in the trades. There will be a limited number of copies available in the Town Clerk's office for those who may request them.

We hope to be able to have at least a public hearing for further discussion.

From our appropriation we have spent approximately \$119.67 and cannot determine how much will be required for printing and other expenses at this time.

Respectfully yours,
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
O. J. LALIBERTE, Chairman

THIRTY-NINTH REPORT
of the
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 1954
LEON CARON, *Town Accountant*

REVENUE — 1954

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 9,314.00	
Personal	156,192.59	
Real Estate	765,152.38	
Motor Vehicle Excise	111,725.30	\$1,042,384.27

Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 4.00	
Personal	4,219.80	
Real Estate	26,466.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise	47,583.46	78,273.66

From State:

Business-Corporation Tax	\$ 97,943.58	
Income Tax	58,548.97	
School Aid According to Chapter 70	70,000.00	
Meal Tax—O.A.A.	6,334.07	232,826.62

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,606.50
Hawkers, Pedlars & Junk	242.00
Sunday Store	138.00
Common Victuallers and Innholders	162.00
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	54.00

Milk and Oleo	71.00	
Auto Dealers	72.00	
Auctioneers	10.00	
Taxis and Drivers	98.00	
Firearms	56.00	
All Other	1,104.00	16,613.50

Permits:

Garage	\$ 25.00	
Gasoline & Motor Oil	25.00	
Kerosene & Fuel Oil	2.00	
All Other	86.00	138.00

Fines and Forfeitures:

Court Fines		1,021.00
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Grants and Gifts:

County—Dog Licenses		2,132.93
From State:		
English Speaking Class \$	398.00	
Vocational Education	35,648.09	
Smith-Hughes Fund ..	1,412.41	37,458.50

Highway Aid:

State and County—
Chapter 90

Contract #14252—		
County	\$ 941.20	
Contract #15434—		
County	4,900.50	
Contract #15114—		
County	1,000.00	
Contract #14252—		
State	1,882.39	8,724.09

Federal Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Salaries and Admin. \$	978.78	
Expense	19,558.87	20,537.65

Old Age Assistance:

Salaries and Admin. \$	6,452.12	
Expense	110,947.17	117,399.29

Disability Assistance:			
Salaries and Admin.	\$ 599.87		
Expense	7,663.60	8,263.47	
Other Revenue:			
Tax Titles Sales and Redemption		268.43	
Total General Revenue			\$1,566,041.41

Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:			
Town Clerk	\$ 50.00		
Selectmen	1,927.61		
Town Hall	177.46	2,155.07	
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police	\$ 452.40		
Fire:			
Sale of Old Materials	164.45		
All Other	4.00	620.85	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Sealing Fees		278.00	
Ambulance Fees		2,083.00	5,136.92
Health and Sanitation:			
Tuberculosis			1,681.70
Highways:			
Equipment Rental			126.00
Public Welfare & Veteran Benefits:			
Temporary Aid:			
From State	\$ 3,119.43		
From Cities and Towns	179.00		
From Individuals	31.00	3,329.43	
Aid to Dependent Children:			
From State	\$ 12,107.18		
From Individuals	650.00	12,757.18	

Old Age Assistance:			
From State	\$ 79,466.70		
From Cities and Towns	1,585.42	81,052.12	
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Disability Assistance:			
From State		5,466.49	
Infirmary:			
Reimbursements		1,086.15	
Veteran Benefits:			
From State		16,344.01	120,035.38
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Schools and Library:

Schools:			
Other Tuition	\$ 33,468.17		
Sale of Books & Supplies75		
All Other	369.75	33,838.67	
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Library:			
Fines and Sales		1,129.11	34,967.78
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Unclassified:

Depot Rent	\$ 300.00		
Dresser Field	2.00		
Swimming Pool	1.00		
Insurance	399.16		
Parking Meter Receipts	18,284.40		
Airport Rental	600.00		
State:			
Hurricane #1—			
Chapter 689	1,762.05	21,348.61	21,348.61
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Total Departmental Revenue		\$ 183,296.39	

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 1,395.00		
Graves Opened	1,040.00		2,435.00
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Special Assessments:

Sewers Unapportioned \$	94.56
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Sewers Added to Taxes	161.44	256.00	
Sidewalks		<u>423.89</u>	679.89

Interest:

On Deferred Taxes	\$ 838.67		
On Special Assessments	18.81		
Town Clerk's Fees	2,844.70		
Tax Collector's Fees	492.75		
On Motor Vehicle Excise	36.48		
On Tax Titles Redeemed	17.08	4,248.49	

On Trust and Investment Funds:

Adah Stedman Fund	30.00		
Ella Cole Fund	88.75		
Mabel Murphy Fund	60.00		
Mary Mynott Fund	30.00		
On Cemetery Funds	2,974.76	3,183.51	7,432.00

Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue			450,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Agency:

Dog Lic.—Due County \$	1,992.40		
Fed. Withholding Tax	91,501.80		
Blue Cross	8,639.85		
Deposits on Plans & Bids	11,160.00		
School Lunch Program	24,478.46		
School Athletic Fund	3,660.13	141,432.64	

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$ 1,430.00		
Investment	3,375.00	4,805.00	146,237.64

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise \$	27.59		
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A.D.C. Expense	217.60	
Planning Board (1953)	3.80	
Veteran Benefits Exp.	790.76	
General Relief Exp.	135.00	
School Athletic Fund	20.00	
O.A.A. Expense	303.10	
O.A.A. Fed. Grant Expense	943.15	
Disability Assist. Exp.	30.35	
Elec. and Reg. Exp.	5.75	
Tax Collector Expense	4.00	
Dresser Field—Maint. & Improvement	1.50	
Highway—Labor	7.80	
Selectmen Expense	7.98	
Town Hall Expense59	
School Salary	18.15	
School Expense	51.61	
O.A.A. Fed. Grant Administration	4.20	
Library Expense	3.00	
A.D.C. Fed. Grant Expense	60.30	
Tax Collector Salary	8.00	
Henry St. Field Exp.	2.60	
Treasurer Salary	6.00	
School Lunch Program	75.54	
Road Machinery Maint.	22.00	
Insurance	197.08	2,947.45

Total Revenue for 1954	\$2,359,069.78
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Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	366,283.21
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	\$2,725,352.99
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EXPENDITURES — 1954

General Government

Moderator:

Salary	\$	100.00
Finance Committee		22.78

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	\$	550.00
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2 Members	900.00		
Clerk	2,619.88		
Assistant Clerk	265.38	4,335.26	
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Other Expenses:			
Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$ 189.36		
Printing and Adv.	148.57		
Telephone	159.15		
Equipment & Mainten.	18.00		
All Other	272.64	787.72	5,122.98
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Accountant:

Salaries and Wages:			
Accountant	\$ 3,700.00		
Clerk	1,716.00		
Extra Clerical	199.58	5,615.58	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 157.89		
Printing and Adv.	54.33		
Telephone	9.25		
Equipment & Mainten.	187.16		
Travel, Dues and All Other	67.60	476.23	6,091.81
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Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:			
Treasurer	\$ 2,400.00		
Clerk	2,200.00		
Extra Clerical	1,031.00	5,631.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage \$	285.94		
Printing and Adv.	143.57		
Equipment & Mainten.	603.50		
Telephone	170.70		
Surety Bond	289.00		
Dues, Travel and All Other	131.65	1,624.36	7,255.36
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Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:	
Collector	\$ 3,650.00

Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	750.00	6,500.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Special Collectors	\$ 28.30		
Stationery & Postage	1,250.02		
Printing and Adv.	305.42		
Telephone	140.40		
Surety Bond	427.25		
Equipment & Mainten.	77.59		
Travel, Dues and All			
Other	70.94	2,299.92	8,799.92
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Town Collector:

Salaries and Wages:			
Collector	\$ 250.00		
Extra Clerical	300.00	550.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Supplies, Stationery			
and Postage		17.92	567.92
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Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:			
Assessors—2 Members \$	1,200.00		
Clerk of Board	3,700.00		
Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	100.00	7,100.00	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage	\$ 794.90		
Printing and Adv.	18.53		
Telephone	128.40		
Equipment & Mainten.	122.23		
Dues and All Other	26.00	1,090.06	
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Travel		324.81	8,514.87
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Law:

Salaries and Wages:			
Town Counsel		2,300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage \$	23.31		

Printing and Adv.	9.50		
Telephone	14.78		
Recording Fees	15.65		
Legal Services	2.00		
Travel, Dues and All			
Other	233.70	298.94	2,598.94

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk	\$ 4,250.00		
Clerk	2,100.00		
Extra Clerical	219.76	6,569.76	

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage \$	172.10		
Printing and Adv.	176.51		
Telephone	204.85		
Surety Bond	15.00		
Equipment & Mainten.	215.30		
Travel, Dues and All			
Other	149.06	932.82	7,502.58

Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:

Registrars	\$ 300.00		
Clerk of Board	250.00	550.00	

Election Expense:

Election Officers	\$ 3,831.93		
Clerical Services	520.55		
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage	331.65		
Printing and Adv.	845.50		
Meals	76.36		
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.	8.92		
All Other	42.98		
Equipment & Mainten.	182.50	5,840.39	

Relisting Expense:

Clerical Services	\$ 1,155.01		
Supplies & Postage	125.48		
Printing	540.80		
Travel	16.63		
Advertising	5.94	1,843.86	8,234.25

Engineering:**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer	\$ 5,650.00		
Assistant Engineer	4,450.29		
Clerk and Helpers	6,156.70	16,256.99	

Office Expense:

Postage, Printing Stationery and Supplies \$	328.69		
Equipment & Mainten.	35.00		
Telephone	169.50	533.19	

Field Expense:

Materials and Supplies \$	85.48		
Travel and Mileage	1,367.32	1,452.80	18,242.98

Town Hall:**Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor		2,950.00	
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Other Expenses:

Fuel	\$ 2,606.05		
Light	826.19		
Janitor's Supplies	262.30		
Building and Boiler			
Repairs	920.54		
Telephone	66.18		
Water and All Other	856.16	5,537.42	8,487.42

Retirement Board:

Administration			1,090.00
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By-Laws Revision:

Clerical Services			30.32
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Planning Board:

Office Supplies	\$ 120.28		
Travel	182.09		
All Other	347.55	649.92	649.92

Total General Government \$ 83,312.05

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$	4,695.60	
Deputy Chief		4,255.55	
Sergeant		3,066.00	
Fingerprint and Identification Officer		4,001.05	
Patrolmen		73,719.50	
Lock Up Keeper		2,422.75	
Special Police Matrons and Doctors		4,751.60	96,912.05

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	\$	731.94	
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.		2,065.83	
Radio Equipment and Maintenance		1,043.64	
Officers Equipment		345.20	4,186.61

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$	561.16	
Light		688.89	1,250.05

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	\$	500.00	
Janitor's Supplies		431.84	
Water and All Other		65.36	997.20

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$	447.97	
Telephone		2,551.21	
Photo and Fingerprint Supplies		149.14	
Dues and All Other		109.00	3,257.32

Prisoners' Expenses:

Doctors, Matrons and Guards	\$	5.00	
Board and Care Private Institutions		195.65	
Officers' Expense		125.81	326.46

New Cruiser		1,988.25	
School Safety Patrol			
Supplies		351.61	
Auxiliary Police		95.99	
Parking Meter Division:			
Salaries	\$ 8,766.00		
Expense	2,699.91	11,465.91	120,831.45

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$ 4,500.08		
Assistant Chief	4,300.00		
Captain & Lieutenant	7,908.74		
Permanent Firemen	60,179.60		
Call Firemen	6,697.90		
Supt. of Alarm	350.00	83,936.32	

New Underground Cables and Fire Alarm Boxes		2,847.37	
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New Pumper		19,483.75	
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Liquid Foam		252.95	
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Out of State Travel		55.80	
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Equipment and Maintenance:

Apparatus Repairs	\$ 605.51		
Equipment for Men	317.16		
Apparatus Accessories and Materials and Supplies	484.23		
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	319.30		
Repairs and Parts	5.28		
Gasoline and Oil	343.30		
Alarm Boxes, Etc.	525.27		
Shop Equipment and Maintenance	27.28		
All Other	3.00	2,630.33	

Hydrant Service		20,897.50	
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Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$ 1,181.34		
Light	310.98	1,492.32	

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	\$ 266.22		
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Furniture and Furnish- ings	215.97		
Laundry	63.97		
Janitor's Supplies and Water	276.45	822.61	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage \$	56.71		
Telephone	367.65		
Office Equipment and Maintenance	12.10		
Food for Men at Fires	30.87		
Mileage, Travel and All Other	300.97	768.30	133,187.25
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Forest Fires:

Salaries and Wages:			
Warden		200.00	
Other Expenses:			
Fighting Fires	\$ 105.50		
Radio Maintenance	157.75		
Repairs, Parts, Gasoline and Oil	271.72		
Materials and Supplies	216.57		
New Hose	436.25	1,187.79	1,387.79
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Planting and Trimming Trees

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 623.38		
Labor	2,365.06	2,988.44	
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Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools \$	125.62		
Equipment Hire	1,611.73		
Cutting Tree in Front of Hospital Spa	105.00		
All Other	36.87	1,879.22	4,867.66
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Moth Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 25.27		
Labor	19.38	44.65	
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Other Expenses:			
Truck Hire	\$	318.25	
Insecticide		37.10	355.35
			400.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$	153.35	
Labor		568.15	721.50

Other Expenses:			
Telephone	\$	1.42	
Insecticide		514.25	
Hardware and Tools		31.08	
Equipment Hire		2,231.75	2,778.50
			3,500.00

Building Inspector:

Salaries and Wages:			
Salary			700.00

Other Expenses:			
Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$	58.00	
Mileage and Travel		92.00	150.00
			850.00

Wire Inspector:

Salaries and Wages			
			800.00

Other Expenses:			
Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$	44.15	
Equipment and Maintenance		6.25	
Mileage, Travel and All Other		99.00	149.40
			949.40

Sealer Weights and Measures:

Salaries and Wages:			
Sealer			1,500.00

Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies	\$	21.33	
Printing and Adv.		43.75	
Travel		300.00	
Equipment and Maintenance		31.60	396.68
			1,896.68

Ambulance:

Laundry Equipment and Maintenance	\$	190.56		
Gasoline, Oil, Etc. Auto Maintenance Expense		1,082.16		
Materials and Supplies		77.45		
Mobile Radio Drivers Expense		320.40	1,670.57	1,670.57
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Dog Officer:

Salary			250.00	
Other Expenses:				
Dogs Boarded	\$	387.00		
Dogs Destroyed		108.00	495.00	745.00

Street Lighting:

Street Lights				21,623.40
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Animal Inspector:

Salary			300.00	
Other Expenses:				
Mileage and Travel			75.00	375.00

Total Protection of Persons and Property \$ 292,284.20

Health and Sanitation**Salaries and Wages:**

Board Members	\$	330.00		
Agent		700.00		
Board Physician		330.00		
Parochial School M.D.		769.92		
Podiatrist		250.00		
Nurse		2,949.92		
Clerk Hire		299.25		
Dental Clinic		700.00		
Plumbing Inspector ...		2,149.96		
Food Inspector		100.00		
Milk Inspector		166.66		
Slaughtering Inspector		400.00		
Sanitary Inspector		500.00	9,645.71	
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Travel:

Agent	\$	63.54		
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Nurse	149.30		
Plumbing Inspector	154.14		
Slaughtering Inspector	19.50	386.48	
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Premature Births			332.50
Garbage Collection			8,998.00
Other Expenses:			
Dental Clinic	\$ 121.81		
Laboratory	2.00		
Office Expense	322.01		
School Medical Supplies	9.12	454.94	
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Vital Statistics:			
Births	\$ 125.00		
Deaths	40.25	165.25	
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T. B. and Contagious Diseases:			
Worcester County San.	\$ 1,872.00		
Harrington Memorial Hospital	56.50		
Belmont Hospital	226.94		
Medical Supplies	17.73		
Misc. Expense	5.23	2,178.40	22,161.28
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Sewer:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Commissioners	\$ 450.00		
Caretakers	5,530.00		
Labor	450.00	6,430.00	
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Administrative Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$ 6.00		
Telephone and All Other	176.55	182.55	
General Expenses:			
Insurance, Registration & Repairs of Truck	\$ 43.25		
Tools and Equipment	233.57		
Gasoline and Oil	146.41		
Materials, Supplies and All Other	12.55		
Manhole Covers	423.75		

Advertising and Lighting	38.26	897.79	
Repair Manhole Covers— Special Account		696.00	8,206.34
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$	30,367.62

Highways, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chap. 90

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages: Superintendent	4,100.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 128.65	
Telephone	292.33	
Equipment and Maintenance and All Other	39.80	460.78

General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$ 3,570.70	
Labor	36,484.84	
Equipment Rental	101.50	
Equipment & Repairs	1,764.98	
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Surfacing	4,524.84	
Other Materials and Supplies	1,079.28	
All Other	334.56	47,860.70

Oil and Sand for Roads	9,968.61
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Automotive Equipment: Maintenance & Repairs	67.24
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Building and Grounds:

Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 243.40	
Fuel, Light and Water	1,068.32	
Equipment and Maintenance	14.90	
All Other	104.96	1,431.58

New Road Machinery:

Tractor With Front End Loader	\$ 3,460.75	
Catch Basin Cleaner	11,520.00	14,980.75

Other Expenses:			
Mobile Radio	\$ 163.60		
All Other	69.36	232.96	79,102.62
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Road Machinery			
Maintenance:			
Equipment, Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 4,973.26		
Gas, Oil, Etc.	4,341.91		
Tires and Tubes	628.72		
All Other	78.04	10,021.93	
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Town Dump:			
Salary	\$ 2,160.00		
Rodent Control	900.00	3,060.00	
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Rubbish Collection:			
Contract		3,495.62	
Snow and Ice Removal:			
Labor	\$ 5,315.68		
Tools and Equipment	3.00		
Gasoline and Oil	848.19		
Snow Fences	44.00		
Salt, Sand and Gravel	2,238.16		
All Other	590.08		
Laborers' Meals	82.60		
Truck Hire	517.50		
Country Roads Shovel Rental	360.50	9,999.71	26,577.26
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Chapter 90 Maintenance

State and County Aid:

Dresser Hill Road:			
Labor	\$ 250.00		
Materials & Supplies	220.56	470.56	
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Dudley Road:			
Labor		50.00	
East Main Street:			
Labor		255.84	
Hamilton Street:			
Labor		75.00	
Mechanic Street:			
Labor		100.00	

North Woodstock Road:		
Labor	700.00	
Old North Woodstock Road:		
Labor	217.90	
Brickyard Road:		
Labor	100.00	
Eastford Road:		
Labor	\$ 250.00	
Materials & Supplies	260.00	510.00
River Street:		
Labor	200.00	
Worcester Street:		
Labor	320.70	3,000.00
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Total Highways, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90	\$	108,679.88

Charities and Veteran Benefits

General Relief:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	\$ 1,200.00	
Supervisor	340.00	
Clerks	1,000.00	
Social Workers	780.35	3,320.35

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 12.92	
Telephone	33.35	
Mileage and Travel	98.59	144.86

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$ 12,562.06	
Fuel	2,182.00	

Medicine and Medical

Attention	2,733.82	
Hospital Care	6,224.93	
Rent	3,120.06	
Clothing	593.66	
Cash Grants	4,641.96	
Board and Care	4,383.16	
Household Furniture and Moving	48.00	

Burials	300.00		
All Other	405.14	37,194.79	
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Relief By Other Cities and Towns:			
Cities	\$ 1,258.83		
Towns	1,202.03	2,460.86	
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Truck Expense:			
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.	\$ 203.49		
Equipment and Maintenance	127.39	330.88	43,451.74
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**Aid To Dependent Children:
Town Appropriation—**

Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 400.00		
Social Workers	520.24		
Clerks	442.95	1,363.19	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		25,215.99	26,579.18
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**Aid To Dependent Children:
Federal Grant—**

Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 200.00		
Supervisor	100.00		
Clerks	206.05	506.05	
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Administrative Expense:			
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 17.01		
Telephone	71.20		
Mileage, Travel	61.10		
Dues and All Other	210.00	359.31	
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Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		16,823.10	17,638.46
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**Old Age Assistance:
Town Appropriation—**

Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor	\$ 2,200.00	

Social Workers	2,858.32		
Clerks	1,970.00	7,028.32	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$115,176.60		
Cities and Towns	206.76	115,383.36	122,411.68
Old Age Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 200.00		
Supervisor	1,205.25		
Social Workers	703.40		
Clerks	1,192.90	3,301.55	
Administrative Expenses:			
Telephone	\$ 254.85		
Stationery, Supplies			
and Postage	1,794.57		
Mileage, Travel	162.52		
All Other	468.04	2,679.98	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants	\$109,109.92		
Cities and Towns	3,012.42	112,122.34	118,103.87
Disability Assistance:			
Town Appropriation—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Agent	\$ 175.00		
Clerks	193.00		
Social Workers	119.92	487.92	
Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		10,329.38	10,817.30
Disability Assistance:			
Federal Grant—			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 31.33		
Clerks	120.70		
Board	200.00	352.03	

Administrative Expenses:			
Stationery & Supplies	\$ 45.07		
Travel, Mileage	104.54		
Telephone	73.10	222.71	
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Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		7,694.42	8,269.16
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Infirmary:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent and Matron		3,200.00	
Other Expenses:			
Groceries and Provisions	\$ 4,145.66		
Household Furniture, Dry Goods and Clothing	156.36		
Janitor's Supplies and Building Repairs	424.78		
Water, Fuel and Light	1,449.79		
Truck Expense, Gasoline and Oil	30.49		
Hospital and Medical Care	1,750.48		
Tel. and All Other	538.08	8,495.64	11,695.64
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Veteran Benefits:			
General Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Veterans Agent		1,400.00	
Other Expenses:			
Office Expenses, Travel and Etc.		109.15	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants	\$ 30,463.55		
Fuel	561.70		
Medical	3,205.56		
Hospital and Dental	3,764.09		
Food	3,499.92		
Rent, Clothes and Etc.	1,056.39		
Cities and Towns	30.00	42,581.21	44,090.36
Soldiers' Burials			108.10
Burial Allowance to Veterans Organizations			27.50

Maintenance of Veterans' Graves:

Maintenance of Graves	\$	510.00		
Materials and Supplies		38.58		
All Other		50.00	598.58	598.58

Veterans Services:**Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisors	\$	2,326.25		
Clerk		1,900.00	4,226.25	

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery	\$	78.65		
Postage and Supplies,				
Mileage and Travel		230.15		
Telephone		189.20		
Dues and All Other		2.00	500.00	4,726.25

Total of Charities and Veteran Benefits \$ 408,567.82

Schools**General Control:****Salaries and Wages:**

150 Superintendent	\$	6,671.83		
156 Supt.'s Clerk		5,234.20		
157 Extra Clerical		363.61		
103 School Census		315.14	12,584.78	

Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$	311.55		
180 Printing		232.52		
181 Travel		248.28		
182 Telephone		258.30		
182A Postage, Books,				
Periodicals, Etc.		126.17		
182B Equipment and				
Maintenance		315.59	1,492.41	14,077.19

High School:**Instruction Salaries:**

220 Principal	\$	5,700.13		
225 Principal's Clerk		2,650.11		

240 Teachers	98,048.69		
245 Subst. Teachers	1,150.36	107,549.29	
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Instruction Expense:			
250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 3,964.21		
270 Supplies	4,354.13		
660 Typewriters, Machines, Etc.	1,341.35	9,659.69	
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Other Expenses:			
210 Supervision Travel, Etc.	\$ 179.33		
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	203.34		
290 Commencement Expense	265.25	647.92	
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Operation of Plant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
501 Janitors		9,498.78	
Other Expenses:			
510 Janitors' Supplies	\$ 801.34		
520 Fuel	3,294.75		
530 Water	221.60		
540 Gas and Electricity	2,825.20		
565 Telephone	330.46		
580 Drayage	85.00	7,558.35	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 365.80		
620 Buildings	2,564.44		
640 Service Systems	1,447.56		
680 Other Expenses	142.16	4,519.96	
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Capital Outlay:			
930 Building Alterations & Additions	\$ 488.12		
965 New Furnishings	2,858.66		
975 New Equipment	784.50		
985 Other Expenses	200.00	4,331.28	143,765.27
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Elementary Schools:			
Instruction Salaries:			
240 Teachers	\$182,019.87		
245 Subst. Teachers	9,307.67	191,327.54	
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Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision Travel	\$	490.63		
250 Text and Reference Books		2,463.72		
270 Supplies		4,690.81		
660 Instructional Equipment		225.27		
235 Printing		50.00	7,920.43	

Operation of Plant:**Salaries and Wages:**

501 Janitors			16,097.21	
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supplies	\$	1,158.26		
520 Fuel		11,163.94		
530 Water		379.12		
540 Gas and Electricity		2,899.66		
565 Telephone		1,128.60		
580 Drayage		349.32	17,078.90	

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$	615.49		
620 Buildings		3,825.73		
640 Service Systems		706.11		
680 Other Expenses		99.90	5,247.23	

Capital Outlay:

930 Building Alterations & Additions	\$	419.48		
965 New Furnishings		1,505.16		
975 New Equipment		438.27		
985 Other Expense		45.10	2,408.01	240,079.32

Elementary Evening Schools:**Salaries:**

220 Directors	\$	190.00		
240 Teachers		694.00	884.00	

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books	\$	314.20		
270 Supplies		2,116.48		
210 Supervision Travel		2.80	2,433.48	

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	100.00		
540 Gas and Electricity		50.00	150.00	3,467.48

Household Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers' Salaries		5,531.59	
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Other Expenses:

250 Text and Reference			
Books	\$ 2.07		
270 Supplies	513.47		
660 Instructional			
Equipment	41.98	557.52	6,089.11

High Evening School:**Salaries:**

220 Director	\$ 81.00		
240 Teachers	725.30	806.30	

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$ 200.00		
540 Gas and Electricity	100.00	300.00	1,106.30

Industrial Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers		3,977.48	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies	\$ 147.61		
975 New Equipment	100.00	247.61	4,225.09

Domestic Science:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers			1,885.00
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Auxiliary Agencies:**Medical and Nurse Service:**

402 Physician	\$ 2,194.39		
404 Nurse	2,855.99		
405 Medical Expense	367.84	5,418.22	

Pupils:

401 Attendance	\$ 250.00		
313 Transportation of			
Pupils	25,748.93		

360 Tuition Other Pupils	1,869.37	27,868.30	33,286.52
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Visual Aids:

240 Teachers' Salary \$	800.00		
270 Supplies	843.76		
660 Maintenance	505.97		2,149.73

Smith-Hughes Fund:

240 Vocational Classes \$	1,322.72		
240 Practical Arts	57.70		
240 Vocational Evening	31.99		1,412.41

Cole Trade School: General Control

Salaries:

220 Director	\$ 5,500.00		
225 Clerks	2,650.00		
226 Extra Clerical	2,650.00	10,800.00	

Expenses:

235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	\$ 189.22		
565 Telephone	148.24		
210 Supervision Travel	151.30		
290 Commencement Expense	118.43	607.19	

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$ 49,841.73		
245 Subst. Teachers	49.50	49,891.23	

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 384.84		
270 Supplies	3,671.78		
660 Equipment	8,303.56	12,360.18	

Operation of Plant:

501 Janitors' Salaries \$	3,036.96		
510 Janitors' Supplies	460.70		
520 Fuel	1,701.23		
530 Water	39.77		

540 Gas and Electricity	1,040.13		
580 Drayage	228.67	6,507.46	
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Maintenance of Plant:			
601 Grounds	\$ 112.46		
620 Buildings	5.18		
640 Service Systems	490.92		
680 Other Expense	576.50	1,185.06	
Capital Outlay:			
930 Alteration and Addi- tions	\$ 328.70		
965 New Furnishings	182.13		
975 Instructional Apparatus	474.15		
985 Other Expense	161.50	1,146.48	82,497.60
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Evening Trade Extension:			
Instruction Salaries:			
225 Clerk	\$ 128.15		
240 Teachers	1,519.01	1,647.16	
Instruction Expense:			
250 Books	\$ 13.87		
270 Supplies	304.23		
660 Instructional Equipment	136.46	454.56	
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Operation of Plant:			
540 Gas & Electricity \$	200.00		
520 Fuel	100.00	300.00	2,401.72
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Total Schools		\$	536,442.74

Library

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:			
103 Assistants	\$ 9,797.80		
150-151 Janitor	2,600.00	12,397.80	
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Books, Periodicals, Etc.:			
201 Books	\$ 3,024.24		
2-2 Periodicals	407.80	3,432.04	
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Binding:			
250		187.41	
Fuel and Light:			
301 Fuel	\$ 375.88		
302 Light	945.60	1,321.48	
Building:			
350-352 Repairs	\$ 518.93		
501 Furnishings	3.75		
303 Water	10.99		
304-306 All Other	60.72	594.39	
Other Expenses:			
402-403 Stationery, Print- ing and Adv.	\$ 446.69		
401 Telephone	135.60	582.29	
Alterations and Improve.		987.04	19,502.45
Total Schools and Library		\$ 555,945.19	

Recreation and Unclassified

Recreation:

Parks:			
Labor	\$ 500.00		
All Other	40.00	540.00	
Playgrounds:			
Instructors	\$ 2,945.75		
Materials & Supplies	821.23		
Mileage & Travel	20.09		
Labor, Sports, Games, Etc.	212.87	3,999.94	

World War Memorial Park:

Labor	\$ 198.65		
Water and Electricity	25.90		
Trees and Spraying	22.00		
Materials, Supplies and All Other	184.60		
Flowers and Wreaths	14.00	445.15	

Honor Roll:

Materials & Supplies \$	57.28		
Electricity	27.09		

Maintenance & Repairs	172.00	
Landscaping	34.25	290.62
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Swimming Pool:

Labor	\$ 385.38	
Instructors	3,183.38	
Building & Grounds	99.31	
Materials & Supplies	458.23	
Telephone, Water, Fuel and Light	92.43	
Red Cross Instruction	162.00	
New Construction	2,052.99	
Special Water Account	85.41	6,519.13
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Dresser Street Field:

Labor	\$ 3,851.94	
Telephone	126.59	
Materials & Supplies	1,159.92	
Fuel, Light & Water	387.33	
Caretaker	434.00	
All Other	267.96	
M. & I., Printing, Ad- vertising & Labor	482.78	
Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	24.78	
Equipment & Mainten.	517.36	
Repairs to Field	1,187.79	
Hot Water Heater	684.00	9,124.45

Alumni Field:

Labor	\$ 978.75	
Materials & Supplies	641.61	
All Other	153.25	
New Construction	654.25	2,427.86
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Henry Street Field:

Labor and Salaries	\$ 998.45	
Materials & Supplies	494.58	
All Other	4.60	
Maintenance & Improv.	998.96	2,496.59
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Band Concerts:

Concerts	\$	369.00	
All Other		75.00	444.00
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Unclassified:

Damage to Persons & Property	\$	2,408.50	
Memorial Day		900.00	
Veterans Day		300.00	
Printing Town Reports		1,713.90	
Town Clock		50.00	
Non Contributory			
Pensions		7,542.39	
Insurance of Buildings		8,547.77	
All Ins.—Workmen's Compensation		11,177.58	32,640.14
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Southbridge Rent Control:

Salary	\$	309.50	
Travel		80.64	
Rent		181.50	
Telephone		70.25	
All Other		10.50	
Equipment		124.82	777.21
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Control and Unclassified	\$	59,705.09
Total of Recreation, Rent		

Cemetery**Oak Ridge Cemetery:****Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	700.00	
Labor		6,158.86	
Opening Graves		275.00	7,133.86
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Other Expenses:

Fertilizer, Loam and Gravel	\$	225.25	
Light		12.00	
Markers		60.00	
Tools		3.75	
Equipment & Repairs		474.72	

Gasoline & Oil	24.70	
New Equipment, Materials, Supplies and All Other	1,590.45	2,390.87

Cemetery Improvement Account:

Labor	\$ 86.00	
Spraying	45.90	
Lumber	27.65	
All Other	733.00	892.55
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Total Cemetery		\$ 10,417.28

Special Accounts

Chestnut St. Reconstruction:

Contract—Ciesla Bros., Inc.	\$ 25,798.32	
Advertising	11.25	
Repair, Remove Tree	37.50	25,847.07

Chestnut St. Sewer:

Contract—Ciesla Bros., Inc.	937.00
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Civil Defense:

Director's Salary	\$ 200.00	
Telephone	45.00	
Gasoline and Oil	1.94	
All Other	162.64	
Hurricane Duty	161.93	571.51

Cross St. Reconstruction:

Contract—Ciesla Bros., Inc.	805.25
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Dean Brook Culvert Account:

Materials & Supplies	75.00
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Depot Building Repairs:

Advertising	\$	24.38	
Priscilla Paint Co.		450.00	
Labor		5.00	
G. C. Winter Co.		557.00	
Southbridge Roofing Co.		217.96	1,254.34
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Dresser (Main St.) Property:

Labor		400.00
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**Dresser St. Sidewalk
Payment:**

To Gregory Thomas		147.28
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Drivers Education Fund:

Salary	\$	396.00	
Car Repairs and Mate- rials and Supplies		381.08	
Travel Expense		19.90	796.98
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1954 Chapter 90 Construction:**Eastford Road:**

Contract—Leo Construc- tion Co., Inc.	\$	10,965.60	
Advertising		4.38	10,969.98
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**Franklin Terrace Guard
Rail:**

Labor	\$	90.51	
Materials & Supplies		174.29	264.80
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**Globe Village Fire Sta-
tion—Disabled Veterans:**

Fuel	\$	142.78	
Light		3.88	
All Other		350.96	497.62
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**Henry St. Field Storm
Drain:**

Labor	\$	293.80	
Materials & Supplies		1,436.82	
Benoit Bros.		93.60	
Equipment Hire		172.50	1,996.72
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**Highland St. Storm
Drain:**

Materials & Supplies \$	747.16	
Manhole & Catch Basin	97.40	
Labor	232.04	
Equipment Hire	45.00	1,121.60
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Hill St. Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	6.88	
Contract—Leo Construc- tion Company		4,441.20	4,448.08
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**Hook and Hamilton Sts.
Intersection**

Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	6.88	
All Other		38.25	
Contract—Leo Construc- tion Company		16,042.38	16,087.51
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Hook, Central, Foster Sts.:

Land Payment:

Leon Bousquet	\$	50.90	
Renato Gentili		760.00	
Recording Fees, Etc.		10.00	
Fileno DiGregorio		1,368.00	
Title to Town		79.35	
F. X. Laliberte & Son, Inc.		380.00	2,648.25
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Hurricane No. 1 Carol:

Clear Debris Public Property		543.79
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Hurricane No. 2 Edna:

Clear Debris Public Property	\$	614.23	
Temporary Repairs Public Property		527.16	
Photographs		93.50	
Brookside Bridge Repairs		147.00	
Randolph St. Bridge Repairs		594.21	
Vinton St. Bridge Repairs		163.00	2,139.10
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Jennison St. Sewer:

Contract—Chas. Chase, Sr.	6,864.72
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Leonide Lemire Post V.F.W.:

Rent	900.00
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Marcy St. School Repairs:

Contract—F. X. Lali- berte	\$	3,670.27	
Pariseau Electric Co.		7.71	
Benoit Bros.		55.00	3,732.98
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Moon St. Storm Drain:

Materials & Supplies \$	882.80	
Equipment Hire	313.00	
Labor	724.19	
Benoit Bros.	242.00	2,161.99
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Morris St. Porch Removal:

Contract—A. J. Arse- neault	135.00
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Morris St. Sidewalk Payment:

To Gregory Skarani	58.88
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Morris St. Sidewalk:

Photographs	\$	9.00	
Materials & Supplies		303.13	
Labor		517.54	
Benoit Bros.		195.00	1,024.67
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Pine St. Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$	11.88	
Contract—Ciesla Bros.		16,096.53	16,108.41
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Plympton St. Sewer:

To Jessica L. Williams			61.80
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Mary E. Wells High School:**Roof Repairs:**

Contract—H. U. Bail Sons, Inc.			15,850.00
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**Swimming Pool Bridge
Repairs:**

Labor	\$	266.25	
Materials & Supplies		382.79	649.04
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**Town Hall Alterations and
Repairs:**

Advertising	\$	5.63	
Benoit Bros.		3,376.00	
Materials & Supplies		28.90	
T. P. Morin		184.00	
E. J. Blinn		47.00	
H. U. Bail Sons, Inc.		234.88	
Larochelle Electric Co.		244.00	4,120.41
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Voting Precinct Account:

Booths, Material and Parts			1,557.90
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Total Special Projects \$ 124,777.68

Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest:

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue		1,936.83	
General Loans:			
Eastford Road and West			
Street Schools	\$ 300.00		
No. Dist. Elem. School	350.00	650.00	2,586.83
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Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue		400,000.00	
No. Dist. Elem. School \$	4,000.00		
Eastford Road and West			
Street School	6,000.00	10,000.00	410,000.00
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Total Interest and Maturing Debt		\$	412,586.83

Agency, Trust and Investment

Agency:

State Auditing Tax	\$ 1,115.80		
State Examination of			
Retirement System	488.21		
State Parks and Res-			
ervation	3,425.47	5,029.48	
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County Tax	\$ 45,961.32		
County T.B. Hospital			
Tax	36,754.42		
Dog Tax Fees Paid To			
County	1,992.40		
School Lunch Program	29,184.09		
School Athletic Fund	6,573.43		
Federal Withholding			
Tax	91,498.43		
Blue Cross	8,621.70	220,585.79	
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Trust and Investment:

Ella M. Cole Fund	\$ 64.60		
Mabel Murphy Fund	64.50		
Mary Mynott Fund	44.72		

Adah Stedman Fund	24.50	
Cemetery Perpetual		
Care Fund	1,430.00	
U. S. War Bonds—Post		
War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
Pension and Retirement		
Fund and Military		
Leave	19,998.00	25,001.32
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment	\$	250,616.59

Refunds

Refunds:

Taxes and Demands \$	1,753.69	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,972.13	
Marriage Fee	2.00	
Blue Cross	18.15	
Plans and Bids	11,153.37	
Ambulance	48.00	
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Total Refunds	\$	14,947.34
Total Payments for 1954	\$	2,352,207.57
Cash On Hand December 31, 1954		373,145.42
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		\$2,725,352.99
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TOWN OF SOUTHBURIDGE

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 373,145.42	Temporary Loans	\$ 150,000.00
		Parking Meter Fees	15,644.42
		Insurance Loss Reimbursement	4,893.82

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1954	\$ 40,377.69	J. J. Angell Fund	\$ 31.27
Levy of 1953	1,937.88	Alexis Boyer, Jr. Fund	11.29

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1954	\$ 10,938.52	Ella M. Cole Fund	469.71
Levy of 1953	1,721.50	Mabel Murphy Fund	96.97
Levy of 1952	16.71	Mary Mynott Fund	21.50
		Adah Stedman Fund	79.96
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			710.70

Tax Titles	\$ 1,642.50	Deposits on Bids and Plans	10.00
Tax Possessions	2,044.91	School Athletic Fund	3,186.23
		Federal Lunch Program	1,066.98
		Sale of Land Account	1,000.00

Departmental:

Ambulance	\$ 1,202.50	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund	1,575.00
Health	249.08	Road Machinery Rental Fund	1,598.83
Highways	1,451.40	Tailings	206.34
Public Welfare	24.00		

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Aid to Dependent Children (State)		4,677.22	Overestimates—1954:		
Old Age Assistance (Cities & Towns)		423.53	State Parks & Reservations Tax		\$ 13.49
Veterans Benefits (State)		1,752.81	County Tax		1,604.09
Schools		718.25	County T. B. Hospital Maintenance Tax		6,397.03
Municipal Athletic Field		158.42			8,014.61
Cemetery		290.00			
Airport Rental		2,350.00			
Aid to Highways:			Federal Grants:		
State		\$ 11,733.00	Aid to Dependent Children:		
County		5,366.50	Administration		\$ 620.01
			Aid		3,035.85
Overlays—1952:			Old Age Assistance:		
Overdrawn Account:			Administration		\$ 4,497.23
1954 Chapter 90—Maintenance			Aid		6,979.26
			Disability Assistance:		
			Administration		\$ 237.18
			Aid		1,727.38
					17,096.91
			Appropriation Balances:		
			Board of Appeals		\$ 204.60
			By-Laws Revision		499.95
			Enlarging Metalsmith Shop at the Cole Trade High School		6,000.00
			Swimming Pool—Special Water Account		214.59
			Airport Maintenance Account		460.18
			Cemetery Improvement Account		1,519.50
			New State Census of 1955 Acc't.		1,500.00

Chestnut St. Reconstruction	1,152.93
Civil Defense	312.20
1954—Chapter 90 Construction— Eastford Road	930.52
Eastford Road School Sidewalk	179.21
Eastford Road and West Street School Repairs	900.00
Foster Street Parking Lot Repairs	526.22
Hook, Central & Foster Street Land Payment	203.75
Hurricane No. 1 (Carol)	1,129.40
Hurricane No. 2 (Edna)	485.11
Moon Street Storm Drain	338.01
Morris Street Extension	167.18
Nuisance Brook Culvert	983.70
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir	544.80
School Building Improvement Account	4,796.20
Swimming Pool—Litchfield Avenue Drain	1,000.00
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	5,918.23
	29,966.28

By Tax Titles—1948 R. E. Tax	\$ 36.40
By Tax Titles—1949 R. E. Tax	67.20
By Tax Titles—1950 R. E. Tax	62.88
By Tax Titles—1951 R. E. Tax	67.44
By Tax Titles—1952 R. E. Tax	67.44
	301.36

Sewer Assessment Reserve
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

13,692.82
23,369.06

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1954 \$ 8,633.70
Levy of 1953 1,937.88

10,571.58

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax
Revenue \$ 12,676.73
Tax Title Revenue and Tax
Possessions 3,920.91
Departmental 13,297.21
Aid to Highways 17,099.50

46,994.35

Excess and Deficiency

133,492.02

\$ 463,391.31

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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
General Government:									
Moderator—Salary	60.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		40.00	100.00	100.00		100.00			
Moderator—Expense	12.00		12.00				12.00		
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	22.78		22.78	77.22		
Selectmen—Salaries	4,125.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		265.38	4,390.38	4,335.26		4,335.26	55.12		
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00								
By Refund		7.98	1,007.98	787.72		787.72	220.26		
Accountant—Salaries	5,616.00		5,616.00	5,615.58		5,615.58	.42		
Accountant—Expense	500.00		500.00	476.23		476.23	23.77		
Treasurer—Salaries	5,475.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		150.00	5,631.00	5,631.00		5,631.00			
By Refund		6.00	1,650.00	1,624.36		1,624.36	25.64		
Treasurer—Expense	1,650.00								
Tax Collector—Salaries	6,050.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		300.00	6,500.00	6,500.00		6,500.00			
By Reserve Fund		150.00							
Tax Collector—Expense	2,578.00								
By Refund		12.00	2,590.00	2,299.92		2,299.92	290.08		
Town Collector—Salaries	550.00		550.00	550.00		550.00			
Town Collector—Expense	150.00		150.00	17.92		17.92	132.08		
Assessors—Salaries	7,100.00		7,100.00	7,100.00		7,100.00			
Assessors—Expense	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,090.06		1,090.06	9.94		
Assessors—Travel	325.00		325.00	324.81		324.81	.19		
Town Clerk—Salaries	6,350.00								
By Reserve Fund		222.71	6,572.71	6,569.76		6,569.76	2.95		
Town Clerk—Expense	775.00								
By Reserve for Petty Cash		50.00	825.00	772.82		772.82	52.18		
Town Clerk—Typewriter	160.00		160.00	160.00		160.00			

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Election & Registration—Sal.	550.00		550.00	550.00		550.00			
Elec. & Reg.—Elec. Exp.	5,850.00	5.75							
By Refund									
By Elec. & Reg.—		96.00	5,951.75	5,936.39		5,936.39	15.36		
Relisting	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,747.86	96.00				
Elec. & Reg.—Relist. Exp.									
To Elec. & Reg.—Exp.									
Law—Salaries	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00		1,843.86	156.14		
Law—Expense	300.00		300.00	298.94		2,300.00			
Engineering—Salaries	16,650.00		16,650.00	16,256.99		298.94	1.06		
Engineering—Expense	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,985.99		16,256.99	393.01		
Town Hall—Salary	2,950.00		2,950.00	2,950.00		1,985.99	14.01		
Town Hall—Expense	5,500.00					2,950.00			
By Refund		.59							
By Depot Repair		45.57	5,546.16	5,537.42		5,537.42	8.74		
Planning Board	650.00		650.00	649.92		649.92	.08		
Board of Appeals		204.60	204.60					204.60	
Contributory Retirement									
System	1,090.00		1,090.00	1,090.00		1,090.00			
By-Laws Revision—									
Bal. 1/1/54		530.27	530.27	30.32		30.32		499.95	
Total General Government	83,516.00	2,086.85	85,602.85	83,312.05	96.00	83,408.05	1,490.25	704.55	

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police—Salaries	96,918.00		96,918.00	96,912.05		96,912.05	5.95		
Police—Fingerprint Identification Equipment	150.00		150.00	149.14		149.14	.86		
Police—One Cruiser	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,988.25		1,988.25	11.75		
Police—Building Repairs	500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00			

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O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Tree Warden	2,000.00								
By Reserve Fund		1,605.00							
By Hurricane Carol (No. 1)		262.66							
By Excess & Deficiency		1,000.00	4,867.66	4,867.66		4,867.66			
Dutch Elm Disease	3,000.00								
By Reserve Fund		500.00							
Moth Extermination	400.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00			
Animal Inspector	300.00		400.00	400.00		400.00			
Animal Inspector—Expense	75.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Building Inspector—Salary	75.00		75.00	75.00		75.00			
Building Inspector—Expense	700.00		700.00	700.00		700.00			
Wire Inspector—Salary	150.00		150.00	150.00		150.00			
Wire Inspector—Expense	800.00		800.00	800.00		800.00			
Dog Officer—Salary	150.00		150.00	149.40		149.40	.60		
Dog Officer—Expense	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
Street Lighting	495.00		495.00	495.00		495.00			
Tot. Prot. of Persons and Property	23,000.00		23,000.00	21,623.40		21,623.40	1,376.60		
	271,576.00	23,972.81	295,548.81	292,284.20	271.40	292,555.60		2,993.21	

Health and Sanitation:

Health—Salaries	9,130.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		1,074.98	10,204.98	9,645.71		9,645.71	559.27		
Health—Expense	500.00		500.00	454.94		454.94	45.06		
Health—T.B. & Contagious Diseases	6,000.00		6,000.00	2,178.40		2,178.40	3,821.60		
Health—Premature Births	2,000.00		2,000.00	332.50		332.50	1,667.50		
Health—Travel	400.00		400.00	386.48		386.48	13.52		
Health—Vital Statistics	200.00		200.00	165.25		165.25	34.75		
Garbage Collection	8,998.00		8,998.00	8,998.00		8,998.00			
Sewer—Salaries	6,430.00		6,430.00	6,430.00		6,430.00			

Sewer—Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,080.34	1,080.34	419.66
Sewer—Special Repairs	750.00	750.00	696.00	696.00	54.00
Total of Health and Sanitation	35,908.00	1,074.98	36,982.98	30,367.62	6,615.36
Highways:					
Highway—Salaries	4,100.00		4,100.00	4,100.00	
Highway—Labor Refund	38,000.00	7.80			
By Hurricane Carol (No. 1)		956.60			
By Hurricane Edna (No. 2)		1,091.85	40,055.98	40,055.54	.44
Highway—Expense	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,997.72	2.28
Highways—Oil and Sand					
For Roads	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,968.61	31.39
Road Mach. Maintenance	10,000.00				
By Reimbursement—Ins.		22.00	10,022.00	10,021.93	.07
New Equip. Road Mach.—Tractor	3,100.00				
By Excess & Deficiency		369.43	3,469.43	3,460.75	8.68
New Equipment—Catch Basin Cleaner	7,000.00				
By Excess & Deficiency		4,600.00	11,600.00	11,520.00	80.00
1954 Chap. 90—Rd. Maint.	1,000.00				
By Highway Aid Revenue		1,000.00			
Town Dump	2,160.00		2,000.00	3,000.00	
Town Dump—Rodent Control	900.00		2,160.00	2,160.00	
Rubbish Collection	3,500.00		900.00	900.00	
Snow and Ice	10,000.00		3,500.00	3,495.62	4.38
			10,000.00	9,999.71	.29
Total Highways	99,760.00	8,047.41	107,807.41	108,679.88	127.53
					1,000.00
Charities and Veteran Benefits:					
General Relief—Salaries	3,340.00		3,340.00	3,320.35	19.65
General Relief—Expense	32,000.00				
By Refund		135.00			
By Excess & Deficiency		8,000.00	40,135.00	40,131.39	3.61
Disability Assist.—Sal.	600.00				

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O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
By Dis. Ass't., Fed. Grant— Salary		50.00	650.00	537.92		537.92	112.08		
Disability Assist.—Expense	9,000.00								
By Refund		30.35							
By A. D. C. Expense		1,500.00	10,530.35	10,329.38		10,329.38	200.97		
Aid to Dep. Child.—Salaries	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,363.19		1,363.19	236.81		
Aid to Depend. Child.—Exp.	25,000.00								
By Refunds		217.60							
By A. D. C. Fed. Gr. Exp.		1,827.20	27,044.80	25,215.99					
To Dis. Ass't. Expense					1,500.00				
Old Age Assist.—Salaries	7,220.00		7,220.00	7,028.32		26,715.99	328.81		
Old Age Assist.—Expense	115,000.00					7,028.32	191.68		
By Refunds		429.65	115,429.65	115,383.36		115,383.36	46.29		
Aid to Dependent Children									
Fed. Grant—Sal. & Admin.									
Balance 1/1/54		506.59						620.01	
From Comm. of Mass.		978.78	1,485.37	865.36		865.36			
A. D. C. Fed. Gr.—Exp.									
Balance 1/1/54		2,066.98							
By Refunds		60.30							
From Comm. of Mass.		19,558.87	21,686.15	18,650.30		18,650.30		3,035.85	
O. A. A. Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm.									
Balance 1/1/54		3,976.44							
By Refund		4.20							
By O. A. A. Fed. Gr. Exp.		46.00							
From Comm. of Mass.		6,452.12	10,478.76	5,981.53		5,981.53		4,497.23	
O. A. A., Fed. Gr.—Exp.									
Balance 1/1/54		7,383.83							
By Refunds		943.15							
From Comm. of Mass.		110,947.17	119,274.15	112,122.34					

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
To School—Salaries					1,535.16	108,414.80	4.83		
Contingency Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,997.83		4,997.83	2.17		
Enlarging the Metalsmith Shop									
Cole Trade High School									
By Excess & Deficiency		6,000.00	6,000.00						6,000.00
M. E. Wells High School									
Roof Repairs	16,500.00		16,500.00	15,850.00					
To School Expense					650.00	16,500.00			
Driver Education Program	1,000.00		1,000.00	796.98		796.98	203.02		
Marcy St. School Repairs									
By Reserve Fund		4,400.00	4,400.00	3,732.98					
To School Expense									
Library—Salaries	13,999.00		13,999.00	12,397.80		4,400.00			
To Library—Expense									
Library—Expense	4,606.00					13,897.80	101.20		
By Refunds		12.17							
By Library Salaries		1,500.00	6,118.17	6,117.61		6,117.61	.56		
Alterations and Improve.	1,000.00		1,000.00	987.04		987.04	12.96		
Total, Schools and Library	576,324.00	17,834.11	594,158.11	574,912.74	7,352.18	582,264.92	5,893.19	6,000.00	
Recreation and Unclassified:									
Parks									
By Reserve Fund	500.00								
Playgrounds		40.00	540.00	540.00		540.00			
World War Memorial Park	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,999.94		3,999.94	.06		
By Reserve Fund	375.00								
2nd World War Memorial—		75.00	450.00	445.15		445.15	4.85		
Honor Roll									
Band Concerts	350.00		350.00	290.62		290.62	59.38		
Swimming Pool—Salaries	500.00		500.00	444.00		444.00	56.00		
	3,590.00		3,590.00	3,568.76		3,568.76	21.24		

Swimming Pool—Expense	650.00	649.97	649.97	.03
Swimming Pool—Red Cross Instruction	200.00	162.00	162.00	38.00
Swimming Pool—New Construc.—Walkway, Driveway	2,000.00			
Balance 1/1/54	108.99	2,052.99	2,052.99	56.00
Swimming Pool—Special Water Account	300.00	85.41	85.41	
Dresser Field—Salaries	4,500.00	4,495.94	4,495.94	4.06
Dresser Field—Maintenance and Improvement	3,000.00			
By Refund	1.50			
Dresser Field—Repairs to Field	1,200.00	2,966.72	2,966.72	34.78
Dresser Field—Hot Water Heater		1,187.79	1,187.79	12.21
By Excess & Deficiency Alumni Field—Salaries	700.00	700.00	700.00	
By Dresser Field—Sal.				
Alumni Field—Expense	210.00	978.75	978.75	31.25
Alumni Field—New Construc.	800.00	794.86	794.86	5.14
Henry St. Field—Salaries	700.00	654.25	654.25	45.75
Henry St. Field—Expense	1,000.00	998.45	998.45	1.55
By Refund	500.00			
Henry St. Field—Maint. and Improvement	2.60	499.18	499.18	3.42
Airport Maint. Acct.	1,000.00	998.96	998.96	1.04
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	460.18			
Damage to Persons and Property				
Memorial Day	4,000.00	2,408.50	2,408.50	1,591.50
Armistice Day	900.00	900.00	900.00	
Annual Reports	300.00	300.00	300.00	
By Excess & Deficiency	1,700.00			
Non Contributory Pensions	13.90	1,713.90	1,713.90	
Insurance	8,000.00	7,542.39	7,542.39	457.61
Reimbursement Hurricane Damage				
Town Clock	368.72	19,725.35	19,725.35	3,643.37
	50.00	50.00	50.00	

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Pension Accumulation Fund	19,879.00		19,879.00	19,879.00		19,879.00			
Retirement System—									
Military Leave	119.00		119.00	119.00		119.00			
Southbridge Rent Control	950.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		350.00	1,300.00	777.21		777.21	522.79		
Total of Recreation and									
Unclassified	84,863.00	2,330.89	87,193.89	79,929.09		79,929.09	6,590.03	674.77	
Cemetery:									
Cemetery Expense									
From Dividends	5,250.00	2,972.76							
By Reserve Fund		550.00	8,772.76	8,730.35		8,730.35	42.41		
Cemetery Improve. Acct.		827.05							
Jan. 1, 1954 Balance									
By Sale of Lots and		1,585.00	2,412.05	892.55		892.55		1,519.50	
Graves Fund									
Cemetery—½-Ton									
Pick-Up Truck	800.00		800.00	794.38		794.38	5.62		
Total Cemetery	6,050.00	5,934.81	11,984.81	10,417.28		10,417.28	48.03	1,519.50	

Special Accounts:

New State Census of 1955 Acct.									
By Excess & Deficiency		1,500.00	1,500.00					1,500.00	
Chestnut St. Reconstruction	27,000.00		27,000.00	25,847.07		25,847.07		1,152.93	
Chestnut St. Sanitary Sewer									
Construction									
By Excess & Deficiency		1,000.00	1,000.00	937.00		937.00	63.00		
Civil Defense	200.00								
Balance Jan. 1, 1954		683.71	883.71	571.51		571.51		312.20	

Cross St. Reconstruction									
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	1,806.45	1,806.45	805.25				805.25	1,001.20	25.00
Dean Brook Culvert									
By Reserve Fund	100.00	100.00	75.00				75.00		
Depot Building Repairs	600.00								
By Excess & Deficiency	700.00	1,300.00	1,254.34					.09	
To Town Hall Expense						45.57	1,299.91		
Dresser St. Sidewalk Paymt.	147.28	147.28	147.28				147.28		
Dresser (Maint. St.) Property Maintenance	400.00	400.00	400.00				400.00		
East Main Drain and Curb'g.									
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	693.49	693.49						693.49	
1954 Chapter 90 Construction—Eastford Rd. Cont.									
No. 15434	7,000.00								
By Highway Aid									
1953 Chap. 90 Construction—Eastford Rd. Cont. No. 14252	4,900.50	11,900.50	10,969.98				10,969.98		930.52
By Highway Aid Revenue									
To Excess & Deficiency	2,823.59	2,823.59	2,550.79			272.80	2,823.59		
Eastford Rd. School Sidewalk									
Balance 1/1/54	179.21	179.21							179.21
Eastford Road School and West St. School Repairs									
By Reserve Fund	900.00	900.00							900.00
Foster St. Parking Lot Drain									
Balance 1/1/54	790.25	790.25						790.25	
Foster St. Park. Lot Repairs									
Balance 1/1/54	526.22	526.22	264.80				264.80		526.22
Franklin Ter. Guard Rail	300.00	300.00						35.20	
Globe Village Fire Station—Disabled Veterans									
Henry St. Field Storm Drain	500.00	500.00	498.07				498.07	1.93	
	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,996.72				1,996.72	3.28	
Highland St. Storm Drain	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,121.60				1,121.60	78.40	
Hill St. Reconstruction	2,200.00								
Balance 1/1/54	3,800.00	6,000.00	4,448.08				4,448.08	1,551.92	

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Hook, Central and Foster St. Land Payment	1,352.00								
By Excess & Deficiency		1,500.00	2,852.00	2,648.25		2,648.25		203.75	
Hook St. Intersection Reconst.	18,000.00		18,000.00	16,087.51		16,087.51	1,912.49		
Hurricane No. 1 (Carol)		1,130.40							
By Reserve Fund		1,763.05	2,892.45	1,763.05		1,763.05		1,129.40	
By Comm. of Mass.									
Hurricane No. 2 (Edna)		2,811.58	2,811.58	2,326.47		2,326.47		485.11	
Brookside Bridge Repair									
By Reserve Fund		200.00	200.00	147.00		147.00	53.00		
Randolph St. Foot Bridge		600.00	600.00	594.21		594.21	5.79		
Vinton St. Bridge Repairs									
By Reserve Fund		300.00	300.00	163.00		163.00	137.00		
Jennison St. Sanitary Sewer Construction									
By Res. Sew. Assessmt. To Reserve Sewer Assessmt.		9,000.00	9,000.00	6,874.72		6,874.72			
Leonide Lemire Post #6055							2,135.28		
Lease	900.00								
Moon St. Storm Drain	2,500.00		900.00	900.00		900.00		338.01	
Morris St. Extension			2,500.00	2,169.99		2,161.99			
Balance 1/1/54		167.18	167.18					167.18	
Morris St. Sidewalk Paym't	58.88								
Morris St. Sidewalk									
Balance 1/1/54		1,200.00	1,200.00	1,024.67		1,024.67	175.33		
Nuisance Brook Culvert	600.00								
Balance 1/1/54		383.70	983.70					983.70	
Pine St. Reconstruction	17,250.00		17,250.00	16,108.41		16,108.41	1,141.59		

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J. J. Angell Fund									
Balance 1/1/54		31.27	31.27					31.27	
Alexis Boyer, Jr. Fund									
Balance 1/1/54		11.29	11.29					11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund									
Balance 1/1/54		445.56							
Fund Income		88.75	534.31	64.60		64.60		469.71	
Mabel Murphy Fund									
Balance 1/1/54		101.47							
Fund Income		60.00	161.47	64.50		64.50		96.97	
Mary Mynott Fund									
Balance 1/1/54		45.39							
Fund Income		30.00	75.39	44.72	9.17	53.89		21.50	
To Library Expense									
Adah Stedman Fund									
Balance 1/1/54		74.46							
Fund Income		30.00	104.46	24.50		24.50		79.96	
Smith-Hughes Fund									
From Comm. of Mass.		1,412.41	1,412.41	1,412.41		1,412.41			
Parking Meter Fees									
Balance 1/1/54		6,410.02							
Receipts		18,284.40	24,694.42						
To Parking Meter Sal. Acct.					8,500.00				
To Parking Meter Exp. Acct.					550.00				
Post War Rehabilitation Fund								15,644.42	
Income Invested		3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		3,375.00			
School Athletic Fund	1,000.00								
Balance 1/1/54		5,079.53							
By Refunds		35.00							
Receipts		3,660.13	9,774.66	6,573.43					

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O'drawn Accounts 1/1/54	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer to Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance to Var. Accts.	Balance Forw'd to 1955	O'drawn Accounts 12/31/54
Charities and Veteran									
Benefits	238,260.00	192,464.96	430,724.96	410,395.01	1,722.55	412,117.57	1,510.48	17,096.91	
Schools and Library	576,324.00	17,834.11	594,158.11	574,912.74	7,352.18	582,264.92	5,893.19	6,000.00	
Recreation & Unclassified	84,863.00	2,330.89	87,193.89	79,929.09		79,929.09	6,590.03	674.77	
Cemeteries — Enterpr.	6,050.00	5,934.81	11,984.81	10,417.28		10,417.28	48.03	1,519.50	
Special Accounts	94,308.16	46,530.83	140,838.99	109,259.80	318.37	109,578.17	10,168.36	21,092.46	
Interest and Mat. Debt	13,450.00	550,000.00	563,450.00	412,586.83		412,586.83	863.17	150,000.00	
Agency, Trust, Invest- ments & Refunds (6,176.10	3,000.00	290,047.85	293,047.85	255,340.74	9,074.17	264,414.91		28,632.94	
	1,507,015.16	1,140,325.50	2,647,340.66	2,367,485.25	18,834.67	2,386,319.92	36,299.61	225,721.13	1,000.00

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1954-1955

Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., Chairman, 28 Maple St.	1955
Mrs. Frederic Beck, Vice-Chairman, 103 Eastford Rd.	1956
Lorenzo J. Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1957
Eugene LeBlanc, 107 Pine St.	1956
Paul A. Roy, 141 Everett St.	1957
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1955

Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox

Residence: 46 Columbus Avenue Tel. 4-8400
Office: Town Hall Tel. 4-4721

Secretaries

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South St. Tel. 4-6513
Mary F. Welch, 12 Woodland Street Tel. 4-3925

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from: 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

School Physicians

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St. Tel. 4-7358
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St. Tel. 4-8141

School Nurse

Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway Tel. 4-3359

School Calendar — 1955

Winter term, seven weeks January 3 - February 18
Spring term, seven weeks February 28 - April 15
Summer term, eight weeks April 15 - June 24
Fall term, sixteen weeks September 7 - December 23

No-School Announcement

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Stations WTAG and WARE at 7 A. M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

Salaries	\$421,599.55
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, New Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.)	108,363.19
Playgrounds	3,999.94
Contingency Fund	4,997.83
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,412.41
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	2,000.00
General Athletic	949.49
Marcy Street Repairs	3,732.98
Mary E. Wells Roof Repairs	15,850.00
Driver Education	796.98
Balance on Hand December 31, 1954	5,573.28

Reimbursements

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70 as Amended 1948 Chap. 643)	\$ 90,083.97
Vocational School, State Grant	35,459.82
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund	1,412.41
High School Tuition	18,115.79
Elementary School Tuition	738.03
Vocational School Tuition	12,151.59
Tuition of Pupils to Vocational School (Girls' Trade, Worcester)	141.15

Cole Trade High—Evening School Tuition	186.30	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold75	
Transportation (Charlton)	18.10	
Transportation Vocational Pupils	47.12	
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer		\$158,355.03

Appropriations

Salaries	\$430,168.00	
Transferred to Other Expenses	3,000.00	
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Total Salaries		\$427,168.00
Other Expenses	\$104,051.00	
Transferred from Salaries	3,000.00	
Transferred from Marcy Street Repairs	667.02	
Transferred from Mary E. Wells Roof Repairs	650.00	
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Total Other Expenses		\$108,368.02

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total Expenditures	\$563,702.37	
Total Receipts to Town Treasurer	158,355.03	
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Net Cost to Town		\$405,347.34

A detailed financial statement will be found in the Town Accountant's report.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1954

Gr.	5 - 7		7 - 14		14 - 16		16 - Up		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1	97	81	9	11					106	92
2	54	38	61	54					115	92
3			97	112					97	112
4			75	70					75	70
5			70	74					70	74
6			92	86					92	86
7			76	82					76	82
8			54	58	15	8		1	69	67
9			12	16	28	43	3	4	43	63
10					35	57	17	11	52	68
11					10	8	29	36	39	44
12					9	20	25	30	34	50
Kdgn.	96	91							96	91
Un-graded			8	2	1				9	2
Trade			3		72		97		172	
Total	247	210	557	565	170	136	171	82	1,145	993
Total Southbridge Public Schools										2,138
Total Saint Mary's School										257
Total Notre Dame School										852
Total Ste. Jeanne D'Arc School										300
Grand Total (all pupils attending school in Southbridge)										3,547

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1954

To the School Committee and Citizens
of Southbridge, Massachusetts

Herewith I submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Introduction

On the national scene, the controversy regarding our public schools which burst into prominence almost ten years ago showed some evidence of abating. There has been a general movement toward a middle ground. The bitter, acrimonious attacks of the extreme critics, with a few exceptions, have subsided while the hypersensitive and defensive attitudes of some educators have been replaced by a calmer, more realistic approach to the problem of working with the public. In this meeting of minds there is great hope for education because the interest of citizens, especially of parents, is of inestimable value

to those who bear the responsibility of administering our schools.

The most significant single fact in the educational picture for 1954 was the increase in enrollment throughout the country at the beginning of the current school year.

The elementary schools, public and private have approximately 26,439,000 pupils this year—an increase of 1,394,000 over last year. The increase in secondary school population was 168,000. More than 21 percent of our total population is enrolled in the public and private institutions of education.

PROBLEMS OF SPACE

There must have been evidence of the need for more space in our public schools three years ago, since at that time a concerted effort was made to interest the community in building a new high school. In the intervening time enrollment has increased from 1958 to 2138 even though 82 pupils transferred to Tantasqua Regional High School when it opened last September. The need for more room is more critical than ever. Several of our elementary rooms have forty or more pupils. A stage is being used as a classroom. One group of youngsters meet in a room which is little more than a large closet. The crowded conditions in the elementary schools cannot help but affect the efficiency of the educational program. We must definitely face the possibility of holding double sessions next year in some of our schools so that the pupil-teacher ratio may be equalized.

Added space in any part of the system will alleviate conditions throughout the system. If it is accepted as fact that more room is needed, there remains only to decide at which level it is most feasible to direct our building plans. Since there was open public discussion about the need for a new building two years ago and since, no doubt, it has been a common subject of conversation of late, there is little need for a lengthy dissertation on the matter in this report. There are, however, certain inescapable facts which it is important to keep before you. The elementary schools are so crowded now that we are approaching a state of emergency. The wave of increased school population is just reaching the high school. The present high school building cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, house grades 8 to 12 inclusive three years from now. Something must be done while there is still time.

NEW PROJECTS

Federal Milk Program

Southbridge was the first town in Worcester County to accept the New Federal Milk Program. This is a plan by which the town is reimbursed for every bottle of milk sold in school, thereby enabling children to purchase milk at the rate of 3 cents per half pint bottle.

Driver Education

Driver Education for all eligible high school pupils in the community became a reality in November when a car was donated for that purpose by the C and L Motor Company. By the time this report is printed, the first group of twenty-four seniors shall have completed the course.

Curriculum

We are in the process of developing a curriculum guide for the entire system. The goal of this project is to place in written form the courses of study being followed in the schools of Southbridge. Committees have been formed, and every teacher is contributing to the work involved.

This amounts to an evaluation of the entire program because in the discussions attendant upon the project, consideration will be given to what we are now doing. Changes in textbooks, methods, and policies will be effected when the study indicates that such changes are desirable. In the end we shall have a compilation of courses of study in the various subjects so that each teacher may have a book to which she can turn to ascertain what is to be accomplished in any month or any year. Each activity will be a planned part of the total educational scheme of our town.

Administrative Bulletin

The principals have formed a committee for the purpose of making available an administrative bulletin which will include all the policies, rules, and regulations in force at the present time. When such important matters are not in writing there is apt to be confusion and lack of uniformity as to procedure.

SPECIAL REPORTS

The following are reports sent to the Superintendent by directors in special fields and areas of education. We hope that you will find them interesting as well as revealing.

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

DR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, *Principal*

The enrollment for the year 1954-1955, as of October, is divided as follows: Seniors—85, Juniors—83, Sophomores—120, Freshmen—106, Eighth Graders—136, making a total of 530 students.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of four different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial, Civic-Social, and Homemaking.

One hundred fourteen pupils were graduated on June 10, 1954 and their names are included in this report for information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1954

Vasil William Allabashi	†Eleanor Ann Labelle
*Joan Marie Anderson	†Constance Anne Lango
*Polly Joyce Anderson	*Jacqueline Margaret Lataille
*Sally Grace Anderson	Reynald Wilfred Lavallee
Lionel Lawrence Arpin	Carol Ann LeBlanc
Richard Leo Baker	Donald Eugene LeBlanc
*Cecile Marie Bibeau	Shirley Emma Lemoine
†Roberta Ann Blackburn	David Edward Letourneau
*Vivian Audrey Blood	*Janice Alice Livernoche
Richard Michael Boland	*Helen Ann Ludwin
*Beverly Joan Bouchard	Peter Goodwin Lusk
Lora Ann Boyer	Raymond Theodore Lussier
*Robert John Bozzo	Shirley Adah Mahan
Claire Romaine Brennan	Ronald John Marinelli
Patricia Jane Broadbent	James Joseph Marino, Jr.
†Judith Ann Brockway	Daniel Francis Martel
Bruce Everett Brown	†Wilma Elizabeth McDonald
Ernestine Phyllis Bruso	†Myrna Alice McKinstry
*Ann Marie Caouette	Catherine Rebecca McMahon
Richard Francis Castrucci	†James Michael
Gloria Ann Cesolini	Barbara Joan Miller
Robert George Clark	*Joan Elizabeth Montigny
Antonio George Cleri	*Eva Waclawa Morawska
*Laurette Therese Cloutier	*Holly Bryant Nickerson
*John Louis Coderre	Donald Earl Olson
Judith Madeline Colognesi	Robert Joseph O'Neill
†John Robert Confalone	*Frank Fred Ottak
*Richard Nelson Costa	Myrna Louise Peet
Pauline Cote	*Hugh Henry Coyle-Earls
Helen Cotton	*Constance Jean Fafard
Pauline Jeanne Cournoyer	Harvey Victor Gaumond
Charles Ligor Dionis	*Ruth Marion Gauthier
John Alfred Donovan	William Walter Gibb, Jr.
*Robert Paul Duff	Donald Daniel Girard
*Norbert Dupre	Calvin Ashmead Gould
*Jean Bernice Durand	*Diane Lorraine Gravel
Albert Eugene Hamel	*Patricia Anne Hall
Constance Leona Hamel	John James Sheehan
John Lawrence Hanson	Shirley Skarani
Sylvia Alberta Hatton	Paula Elizabeth Skudlark
Jeanne Lea Houle	Caroline Sarah Smith
Jeanne Theresa Jarry	*Gerald Leonard Smith
Paul Spiro Kollios	Clifford R. Steadman, Jr.
Robert Edward Kroll	Jeannette Katherine Swirbliss

*John Edward Swirbliss	John Dennis Santelli
Shirley Ann Talbot	Thomas Daniel Vangel
†Thomas Carlton Towse	Fred Elias Veber, Jr.
Barbara Myrtie Underwood	Joyce Abbie Waraika
Constance Joan Peloquin	Ronald Lloyd Willett
†Claire Constance Peloquin	†Katharine Anne Williams
*Russell Lee Peloquin	*Richard Edward Williams
Esther Mary Presutti	*Herbert Empsel Willman, Jr.
†Judith Carol Proulx	Roy Calvin Wilson
†Sharpe Ridout	Lorraine Juliet Zachara
†Charles Joseph Ryan, Jr.	*Leonard Zack
†Reginaldo Cataldo J. Salviuolo	*Sandra Ellen Zitka
	*Carol Ann Zuiss

Special Student

William David McKinstry

* General Average of 80% or above for four years.

† Members of the National Honor Society.

HOME MAKING

Home Making is a required subject for all girls enrolled in the High School. Each girl takes two double periods and one single period of this course each week.

The program is not merely a cooking and sewing course, but a training in Home Making designed to teach the fundamentals which contribute to a happy home life and to the many jobs with which a home maker should be familiar.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross is a service organization. This group, under the able direction of Miss Luise Corbin, gives cheer and aid to the destitute, the ill, and the unfortunate.

There have been many worthwhile projects. Recently, the members of the Junior Red Cross made Babies' Bibs for the Saint Agnes Guild of the Catholic Home for Little Children in Worcester. The girls have brightened the homes of many shut-ins, both in hospitals and in homes, by distributing attractive holiday favors and trinkets.

The work of the group with the veterans supplements the tremendous task carried on by local, state, and national patriotic groups.

However, the work of the Junior Red Cross is not confined to local problems. Cognizant of the needs of many of our oversea allies, they have filled chests full of supplies that

will take care of a school of forty-eight pupils for a period of one year. Each chest costs one hundred dollars to fill. The Mary E. Wells Chapter of the Junior Red Cross has sent chests in the past to Korea and Holland. The chests this year are expected to go to Greece and Korea.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE

The commercial program includes: Typewriting, bookkeeping, comptometry, filing, office practice and all general business courses. The Cooperative program with industry is still in operation. The course takes place in the last semester of the senior year and permits pupils to alternate work weeks with instruction weeks. The girls, four units of them, take places in reliable business institutions and have found this program most beneficial.

The equipment of the Commercial Department is kept at maximum efficiency. This year four electric typewriters were added to the department.

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE

The college preparatory course prepares students for all leading universities and colleges in the country. Many of the pupils, receive large scholarships, a tribute to their own industry, and a tribute to the excellent instruction of their teachers. Students from this course have entered such leading institutions as: Cornell, Connecticut College for Women, Brown University, The College of the Holy Cross, Tufts, Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, University of Michigan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, Rennsselaer Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Smith College, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley College, Simmons College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Colorado College, Ohio State University, The College of New Rochelle, California Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State College, Northeastern University, plus most of the leading business colleges and nursing schools.

THE EIGHTH GRADES

The eighth grades of the school system are still housed in the high school building. The pupils receive the program opportunities of the high school and are eligible for all high school activities, including sports.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Student Council of the Mary E. Wells High School plays an important part between students and administration. This organization is under the direction of Miss Constance Coderre. The values of the organization are manifold.

1. Pupils participate in or manage extra-curricular affairs.
2. Responsibility, initiative and leadership are developed.
3. Proper student-faculty relations are promoted.
4. Training in worthy citizenship is furnished.
5. The general welfare of the school is promoted.
6. The internal administration of the school is aided.

The Fred E. Corbin Chapter of the National Honor Society

The local chapter of the National Honor Society, named in honor of the late Mr. Fred E. Corbin, inducted twenty members during the past year. The most recent induction was honored by the new Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Robert Fox, who spoke at the ceremonies.

The following young people have been inducted into the society during the past year:

March 1954:

Seniors

Constance C. Peloquin
Myrna McKinstry

Roberta Blackburn
Judith Proulx

Juniors

Priscilla McIntyre

Wilfred Houde
Donald Croke

October 1954:

Seniors

Carol Benson
Shirley Holmes
Carroll Hughes

Hazel O'Claire
Margaret Polakowski
Jeanne Xanthakos

Juniors

William Clifford
Judith Davey
Joanne Houle

Nancy Hughes
Paul Meunier
Jacquelin Poirier
Paula Rubenstein

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held every other week. These assemblies are of immense value to any student body inasmuch as they are not only educational but explore the various phases of

school life. Furthermore, they widen and deepen the interests of the pupils and serve as a means of developing public opinion and appreciation. The types of assemblies fall into many categories:

1. Education
2. Music
3. Rallies
4. Drama
5. Club Programs
6. Movies
7. Entertainment
8. Honor Society Installation
9. Science
10. Commerce and Business
11. Observance of Special Days
12. Guidance

The assemblies are held in the auditorium of the high school. Recently, three hundred new seats were purchased for the auditorium.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That the Town look to the future and purchase land for the erection of a six-year high school. Suitable sites for such a school are being sold and developed for other purposes.
2. That the lavatory facilities be remodeled and modern equipment be installed.
3. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast with the rapid progress of science.
4. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
5. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
6. That the Industrial Arts program be expanded in order that those pupils who are not interested in a Trade Education may have the benefit from allied courses.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for support.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, *Director*

For whom is Vocational Education? It is for all who must acquire Vocational Education to provide a livelihood for themselves and their families. Authorities on Vocational Edu-

cation feel that this form of education should serve: first, young people in school; second, those out of school; and third, adults in the locality. We, at the Cole Trade High School, attempt to follow these principles.

We could serve more people if more room would be provided. At the opening of school this September, we had a waiting list for all trades in spite of the fact that shops and classrooms had enrolled pupils beyond the maximum suggested by the State. In the adult programs the same condition exists. For example, at the time of writing we have twenty-seven adults awaiting admittance into the Furniture Refinishing classes.

Once again I ask the public to vote an expansion to our school which will enable us to satisfy the needs of the community.

GRADUATES

Cabinet

Berry, George Edward	Day, James Mason
*Buccelli, Albert	Jackson, Vernon Lee
Colwell, Eugene Allen	Richard, Emile Lucien
Smith, William Lee	

Drafting

Leduc, Richard Norman	Metras, Arthur Raoul
†Sroka, Edward John	

Electric

Collette, Alan Alfred	Norowski, Roger Leon
Proulx, Charles Arthur	

Machine

Dusza, Robert James

Metalsmith

Larochelle, Rene Ulric	*St. Germain, Donald William
Paradis, Joseph Aime	Savaria, Arthur Richard

Printing

Swiatek, John Walter, Jr.

* Jan. Grad.

† Veteran

Awards

American Legion Post No. 31 Award (Good Citizenship)

	Vernon Jackson
Director's Gold "C"	Arthur Metras
English Award	Roger Norowski
History Award	Emile Richard
Mathematics Award	John Swiatek
Science Award	Emile Richard

Class Officers

President	Vernon Jackson
Vice President	Alan Collette
Secretary	Robert Dusza
Treasurer	Arthur Metras

Evening School

Cabinet—Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	26
Drafting—Mr. John Benson	23
Mr. George Braman	15
Furniture Refinishing—Mr. Harold Andrews	12
Mr. Stanley Naumnik	14
Mr. Antonio Orsini	24
Machine—Mr. William Paul	14
Mr. Edwin Waskiewicz	12
Soldering-Welding—Mr. George Braman	18
Apprentice Diversified—Mr. William Julien	7
Total	<hr/> 165

In conclusion I thank the townspeople, the School Committee, the Advisory Board, The Superintendent of Schools, The Faculty, the Office Staff, and our Custodian for their valuable aid in helping to make Vocational Education a success in the Town of Southbridge.

HEALTH REPORT

MRS. LOTTIE A. LEBLANC, R.N., *School Nurse*

Some of the more essential work being done in this department can be better understood from the following statistics:

Physical Examinations	748
Visits to Schools	252
Vision Tests	1514
Hearing Tests	1055
Home Visits	207
Conferences on health problems	700
Dental Care	236
Innocations	216
Pre-School Clinic Registration	350
Donations for milk by Lions' Club	\$800.00

Census of physically handicapped completed.

Summer camp provided for 7 children.

Special class for mentally retarded given much attention.

Five home teachers provided for children unable to go to

school; Clear Type Books were obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind for two pupils.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the 1954 Health Program.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

JACOB E. GOUIN, *Attendance Officer*

Absentees from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Month	Pupils	Days
January	7	28
February	3	12
March	10	20½
May	6	7½ (1 Suspended)
June	2	4
September	3	13
October	8	10 (1 Dropped & Transferred to Springfield.)
November	17	73
December	6	23
Total	62	191

BAND REPORT

MR. PAUL J. SWEET, *Director*

In submitting this, my annual report for the year 1954, I would like to deviate from my usual custom of reporting on the activities of the musical groups under my direction and instead make some specific recommendations which would substantially improve the department.

For the elementary schools there should be music stands available in each school, as I now have to transport these from the high school. A minimum of one half dozen per school would be sufficient for the present.

The high school, of course, is the biggest problem. The room now used as the band room is about one half the size it should be for the number of students using it. It could be increased to double its size by extending out into what is now an unused court yard.

If, with the expansion of the Cole Trade School, any of the rooms in the Wells building should become available, I would like to have the room adjoining the band room. This room would be used for the instrumental and vocal supervisors' offices and for the storage of all equipment for which suitable cabinets, shelves, etc. would have to be built.

There should be two steps of risers built in the band room, these to be in sections so that they could be moved to the school auditorium, or the stage of the town hall as the occasion may require. Proper lighting should be made available in the Wells Auditorium under the balcony to the right of the stage that would shed light on the players' music in the rear of the band.

A part-time string instrument teacher in the elementary grades would lead to the formation of an orchestra with subsequent carry-over to the high school.

The foregoing recommendations and requests are based on a survey I have made of many high schools in which special attention has been given to the provision of suitable quarters and equipment for the music department.

The Wells High School Band, numbering about fifty students, took part in many town activities as follows:

An exchange concert with the Norwood, Massachusetts high school band was perhaps the outstanding activity of the school year. It gave the students of both groups an opportunity of becoming more closely acquainted with each other both musically and socially. The Wells High School Glee Club co-operated in the undertaking.

Other public performances by the band were as follows:

Rotary Club, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day parade, Elks Flag Day exercises, several school assemblies including a football rally, all home football games, also two away games, (Athol and Bartlett.) The outdoor high school graduation held at Dresser Field was a wonderful experience. The annual Music Festival, conducted under the auspices of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, Central Division, was held in Webster, May 22, 1954. The band, in its morning audition, received a rating of Excellent.

The elementary schools are being taken care of by weekly lessons in small group lessons. Music students from the four schools are brought together one night a week at the high school for full band experience. A parents' group was organized and they raised funds for the purchase of material and the making of uniforms. This group is known as the Southbridge Junior Band and went to the Music Festival. They also took part in the Memorial Day parade here in town.

Herewith is the net worth of the high school band, as of June 1, 1954.

Instruments owned by the band	\$2,159.00
Uniforms owned by the band	2,000.00
Music owned by the band	634.00
Other Equipment owned by the band	110.00
Total	<hr/> \$4,893.15

Of this amount \$2,000 was given to the band by the Southbridge Rotary Club. Amount purchased by the town over an 8-year period, \$400. The Balance of \$2,493.00 was earned by the band.

REPORT ON CHORAL MUSIC

ELLWOOD S. JENNESS, *Director*

The vocal music program in the Southbridge Public Schools continues to be characterized by a high and increasing degree of interest and enthusiasm. Many gains are in evidence, as are many needs for the adoption of measures to keep step with these gains and to nurture the growing interest.

The past year has seen a growth in the choral departments of the high school and eighth grade from about one-eighth to nearly one-third of the total school population. It has consequently been necessary to devote an increased amount of time and energy to these groups. At the same time an effort has been made to maintain the status quo in the elementary schools. The desirability of an additional teacher on the music staff, who could devote full time to the elementary program, is clearly seen for the following reasons:

1. There has been a considerable increase in the number of elementary school class rooms.
2. An elementary school music supervisor should be free to confer with the classroom teachers after school or before the afternoon session. Much of the success of the elementary school music program depends on the classroom teachers, and the supervisor should be more readily available to help them than is now possible.
3. New activities, such as rhythm band work, glee clubs, song flutes, and an improved listening program, should be initiated and developed.
4. Relieving the director of some of the elementary teaching would enable him to inaugurate classes in the high school in theory, voice instruction, history and appreciation; and to further develop the high school, trade high school, and eighth grade choral programs. Such activities are considered a necessary and integral part of the modern, forward-looking school's curriculum.

It is to be hoped that the people of Southbridge will appreciate the spiritual and social significance to their young people of an awakened interest in music, and will realize the importance of seizing every opportunity to further that interest.

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, *Director of Guidance*

In conformity with the custom of other years, a report on guidance activities during the past year is hereby respectfully submitted.

TESTING PROGRAM

Intelligence Tests

Consistent with a pattern of testing established several years ago in the Southbridge Public Schools, tests measuring scholastic aptitude were administered in October, to pupils in grades 1, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 12. The tests used were the California Tests of Mental Maturity and the Psychological Examination of the American Council of Education. The latter test was administered to the Senior Class at Mary E. Wells High School. In some instances individual psychological examinations were administered to pupils throughout the school system.

Achievement Tests

Metropolitan Achievement Tests were administered to grades 1-8. These standardized tests are administered annually to all pupils in each of these grades and can be used as diagnostic tools in teaching. The tests measure achievement in reading, vocabulary, arithmetic, English, history, geography, science and spelling. Scores achieved by each pupil were related to tables of National norms. An extensive study was made of the complete test data and a report of findings was submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. The report indicated that the children in Southbridge Public Schools were generally achieving about .5 of one year above the National group.

The objective measurement of achievement in specific subjects such as English, French, Geometry, chemistry, Physics, etc., as taught in the high school, was accomplished through use of Cooperative Tests, published by the Education Test Service at Princeton, N. J.

Aptitude Tests

On February 15, 1954 a battery of tests measuring interest, scholastic aptitude, reading comprehension, mechanical aptitude and clerical aptitude was administered to pupils in the junior classes of the Mary E. Wells High School and the Cole Trade High School. This battery was administered by the Boston University Guidance and Testing Service. Subsequent to this testing, a psychometric report for each student was developed into a vocational aptitude battery profile and used as a counselling aid in the schools.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Em-

ployment Security, administered a General Aptitude Test battery to thirty-seven seniors at the Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools in November. The results of these tests are useful in the counselling of students and also provide the Division of Employment Security with objective placement data.

Placement

A survey was conducted to determine the part time employment status of high school pupils. A break down of the findings of this survey is listed below.

Class	No.
1955 Employed	49
Unemployed	36
1956 Employed	36
Unemployed	46
1957 Employed	25
Unemployed	95

Fifty-eight percent of seniors enrolled at the Mary E. Wells High School are employed in part-time work as compared to 44% in the junior class and 20% in the sophomore class. Because of age requirements and labor laws, those students employed part time in the Sophomore and Freshmen Classes are primarily engaged in such work activities as delivery boy, paper route, house work, baby sitting, etc.

A placement file has been established in the guidance office where students may register for part-time work. As notice of vacancies are received, qualifying students are contacted and referred for possible employment.

A cooperative work plan for Senior Commercial students has been in effect for several years. In this plan, qualified students spend alternate two-week periods in an actual work situation outside of school and two weeks in the formal class room environment.

Class of 1954

Over forty percent of the members of the class of 1954 continued in further education at other institutions. The following table presents a breakdown of the entire class.

	No.	%
1. Further Education	47	41.2
Attending four year colleges	30	26.3
Attending nursing schools	8	7.0
Attending Junior Colleges	6	5.2
Attending Technical Schools	3	2.6
2. Employed in full-time work	31	27.2
3. Entered military services	18	15.8
4. Employed part-time work	7	6.2
5. Unemployed	6	5.3
6. Married (girls)	5	4.4

Occupational and Educational Information

A library of Occupational Information including books, digests, and occupational briefs has been set up in the Mary E. Wells High School. College catalogues and information bulletins are arranged on open shelves for student use. A large and current selection of these catalogues is maintained so that information on nearly all schools and colleges in the country is readily available.

In addition to the above facility, the department has provided for a series of informational talks, movies and field trips.

Counselling

The nature of counselling is dependent upon the individual variations in personalities and the types of problems being considered. Many interviews were simple in nature and were concerned with employment registration, securing of information and disclosure of personal data. Scores achieved in the many and varied standardized tests elsewhere described in this report were entered in a cumulative record folder. Pupil progress, referral data, special recommendations, etc. are also kept in these cumulative files.

A combination vocational aptitude profile chart and questionnaire is being developed for the eighth grade at the present moment. Its purpose is to provide an effective counselling device for advising pupils in their selection of courses as they enter the first year of high school.

Program of Study

Programs of study for the Cole Trade High School and the Mary E. Wells High School were produced in sufficient numbers so that each pupil selecting courses was given a copy for his personal use and for planning at home with parents.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that a Dean of Girls be appointed in the Mary E. Wells High School to assist in the counselling program.
2. It is recommended that a reading improvement program be initiated in the Mary E. Wells High School to meet the needs of pupils who are slow readers.

The administration of a functioning guidance program would be an impossibility without the close cooperation of all school personnel. I would like at this time to express my appreciation to all principals, supervisors, and teachers for their cooperative assistance expended in behalf of this program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

The general functions of our Physical Education program is to assist in providing a medium for the normal growth and natural development of each pupil. The basic aims and objectives are the same as those of education in general, for the total process of education must be considered in providing a program of education for the proper development of the child.

One of the primary functions of physical education is to develop each individual to his greatest possible physical capacity within the range of accepted educational objectives. This implies development in skill and ability as well as organic development.

Our present Physical Education Program involves over five hundred pupils, participating in regular physical education classes. All the boys and girls in grades six and seven in our elementary school have two periods of physical education each week. All the boys of our Cole Trade High School average one hour per week.

A typical Physical Education Program comprises the following: Calisthenics, Formal Activities, Games, Relays and Recreational Sports.

The curriculum is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests.

A closely supervised program has been organized for grades 1-5 inclusive. This program has been designed to provide students opportunities to learn basic skills, to develop good health and safety habits, to encourage leadership and good sportsmanship.

The activities are planned and organized by the Director and submitted to each classroom teacher, who in turn conducts these activities during the recess period. Approximately 30 minutes a day is given to this program.

Play Demonstration Days were held in all elementary schools during the month of June, and many parents attended.

AFTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

This program has become very popular for more have participated in the past year. Touch football, basketball, and baseball Leagues have been organized for the boys in the elementary schools. The girls play basketball and softball. The competition between girls has been more keen and balanced. All the students participating in these activities are properly supervised by their coaches and all teams are properly clothed.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Principals, the School Health Service, and the classroom teachers for their generous collaboration and cooperation in establishing the Physical Education Program.

REPORT OF ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION

MISS CONSTANCE L'ECUYER, *Director*

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Many changes have been made in the regulations carrying out the Immigration and Naturalization Laws. The McCarran Act, or new Immigration Act dispenses with all Declaration of Intention or First Papers. Now everyone must file only one paper after residing in the United States for five years, except wives or husbands of citizens. These may file after a three-year residence in this country. Everyone must submit to finger-printing before being called for questioning. The Southbridge Police Department has been most cooperative in Finger-Printing all cases referred to them. This eliminates the necessity of the petitioner going to Worcester.

Today, legally admitted children under sixteen acquire Citizenship through the Naturalization of a parent. This is most important and this Division of the School Department is constantly on the alert to make this known to parents to get them to act immediately, before their children reach their sixteenth birthday.

A person over fifty years of age and who has lived at least twenty years in the United States is not required to read and write English fluently, but must possess a knowledge and understanding of American History and Government. This is often not understood by people applying for Citizenship.

The different National Societies of Southbridge have been most cooperative in instructing and helping their members to make application for Citizenship. This proves the societies to be truly American.

The primary aim in our Evening Adult Civic Education Classes is to give these people, newly arrived to our shores, an immediate English speaking and reading vocabulary. This, so far, has proven most successful.

Those who attended the United States History and Government Class, preparatory to applying for Citizenship, have always succeeded when meeting the Federal Examiners. Thus, we know the Community is fulfilling its obligation to the new-comer by providing help when it is most needed. The Civic Education Division is constantly corresponding near and far for pertinent data needed in applications and wishes to thank other Town of Southbridge Departments for their patient help in giving needed information or acting in the capacity of Notary Public for documents. All during the year, filing of papers, filling out of applications, transferral of pensions from foreign countries to new immigrants are arranged; provision for the immigration of parents and the posting of bonds is made; help is given in filling out Displaced Persons Reports as well as the yearly Alien Reports.

Private and Special Help for people who follow a Home

Study Course, because of inability to attend class regularly, is also undertaken. The Adult Civic Education Division of the School Department endeavors in every way to fulfill its function of giving aid to recent immigrants as well as long-standing Alien Residents. It is ever willing to help whenever called upon.

PLAYGROUND REPORT

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

The playground season began on July 12th and ended August 20th, a period of six weeks. The activities were conducted at the following areas: Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, Pleasant Street and the Town Hall.

Personnel

Director — Lewis A. Kyrios

Supervision of Arts and Crafts — Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard
West Street School

Supervisor Miss Elizabeth Duhamel
Assistants Mr. Donald Marino, Miss Jane Darley,
Miss Margaret Polakowski

Pleasant Street School

Supervisor Miss Madelene Proulx
Assistants ..—.... Miss Helen Ludwin, Mr. George Barbierri

Eastford Road School

Supervisor Mr. Vincent Puracchio
Assistants Mrs. Lois Traub, Miss Mary Butler

Charlton Street School

Supervisor Mr. Roger Hebert
Assistants Mr. Joseph Marino, Miss Constance
Peloquin, Miss Antoinette Del Greco

Activities

Inter-playground competition in softball, volleyball, dodgeball and basketball was offered.

Ping Pong, zellball, horseshoes were presented as intra-playground activities.

Singing games, quiet games, swings, slides, jungle-gym and sandbox activities were listed for the "little people."

Arts and Craft

The arts and crafts exhibit was held in the Town Hall on August 19th, from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. Over 3500 items were displayed. Parents and friends of the children were invited and over 800 people attended this exhibition. Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard, Supervisor of Arts and Crafts, was in charge of this exhibit and did an excellent job.

Safety Program

The Safety Program was very successful as the results were excellent. There were no major accidents.

The playground program was divided in the following manner:

First Week	Organization Week
Second Week	Sports Program
Third Week	Intra-Playground Competition
Fourth Week	Amateur Shows
Fifth Week	Sports Playoffs
Sixth Week	Arts & Crafts Exhibit

Enrollment and Attendance

Total Enrollment	1385
Average Daily Attendance	660
Average Percentage of Attendance	45%
Largest Daily Attendance	765

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who helped to make the Playground season a success.

Sincerely yours,

DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS,
Director of Playgrounds

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September:

Elementary Sewing	Two classes
Advanced Dressmaking	One class
Tailoring	Two classes

University extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields.

Elementary Typewriting	One class
Speaking in Public	One class

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

CAFETERIA REPORT

Audio-Visual Uses

MISS RUTH CUMMINGS, *Director*

There has not been any great increase in the use of the cafeteria this year. The count might be called better, considering the loss of students to Tantasqua, as the number of luncheons served is holding about the same as a year ago. This is due to the fact that the largest number of lunches served is to the 8th, 9th and 10th grades. This should mean that as new and larger classes come in the number of luncheons served will be greater. The Marcy Street count is larger than a year ago.

The need for new equipment is still great. The present setup is far from adequate. There is need for refrigeration, ranges, and bakers. Also, proper counter setup for quick serving, not to mention slicers, mixers, etc. The Cafeteria seating capacity is not sufficient for the demands placed upon it, and we do not have a proper Teachers' Dining Room.

The new Elementary Milk Program in the elementary schools is proving successful. We are serving all but about 400 of the elementary children. The Lion's Club takes care of those who cannot afford to pay. From all reports we are among the highest in Worcester County if not in the state. The Lion's Club are also paying for lunches for two undernourished children from Marcy Street School. The Young Women's Club of the Baptist Church are paying for one needy child in Mrs. Steenburn's room. Southbridge Evening Women's Club also paid for lunches for the needy children. These are very commendable causes because good nutrition may help these children do better work.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS REPORT

MR. EDWARD DESROCHES, *Director*

It is the thinking of many audio-visual education specialists that a quantitative increase in the use of audio-visual materials is usually accompanied by a qualitative increase. Our observation of audio-visual aids uses by teachers during 1954 seems to bear this out. Teachers used more audio-visual aids in 1954 and used them better than in any previous year. A total of 228 educational films, 1668 film strips, 625 lantern slides and 65 tape recording programs were requested by teachers during the year.

New Equipment

The use of film strips in the elementary schools was

greatly facilitated by the purchase of a new Spencer 500-watt film strip projector for every school. A new DeVry sound motion picture projector, and a Spencer opaque projector were also added to the Department. These additional teaching tools should do much toward the realization of the full educational potentialities of audio-visual materials.

Audio-Visual Education Course

Early in 1954, the Audio-Visual Aids Department achieved one of its main objectives. It was finally able to give the teachers of Southbridge the opportunity to enroll in a course in audio-visual education without out-of-town traveling. This course called "Integration of Audio-Visual Materials in the Curriculum" was offered through the Massachusetts Department of Education and carried both opportunity and gave a certificate upon completion of the course. Such formal instruction, coupled with the informal instruction offered by the Department, should ensure better utilization of audio-visual materials in our schools.

Student Projectionists

In order to relieve teachers of projection details and give them more time for teaching, more student projectionists were trained and added to the Student Projectionist Squad. These students have always measured up to their responsibilities and have received the approval of every teacher they have served.

Research

The director is currently conducting research on the problem of "BUILDING THE TYPE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD BE IN OPERATION IN THE SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS." This work, done in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Master's degree at Boston University, necessitates extensive investigation of all phases of an ideal program and should, therefore, be of real value in coping with many of our audio-visual aids problems in the future.

Community Service

During the past year, the Department continued its policy of assisting community organizations whenever possible. Equipment and operators were provided for the following organizations during 1954: Southbridge Women's Club, Rotary Club, Semi-Circle Club, American Legion Post, Southbridge Layman's Chiropractic Association, and the Jacob Edwards Public Library.

ART REPORT

MISS CLAIRE J. BIRTZ, *Director*

The Integrated art program in our elementary schools has been in operation for three years. The results of this planned art program can readily be seen in the work of the individual child as he progresses from the primary grades to the intermediate grades and then on to upper grades. The program has been planned to contribute to the full development of each child from the primary grades where he realizes the satisfaction of experimenting with paint and brush, crayon, cut and torn paper to the realistic stage where he gets a feeling for design and ties his experiences to his work.

In the intermediate grades, work in design, crafts and art appreciation give opportunities for creative expression to the average child as well as to the exceptionally talented. More difficult problems are offered in the upper grades; these include instruction in block printing, stenciling art of lettering, both with brush and lettering pen, advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests.

Mary E. Wells High School offers an elective art course which is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art. Students are given a thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting both in water color tempera and oils for advanced students. It also includes lay-out, black and white drawings for the school paper, three-dimensional work, mobiles, posters, block printing, stenciling on cloth modeling, painting scenery for school programs and planning decorations for school dances. It provides stimulating and practical problems for the average and the talented students.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert L. Fox — 1954	B.S.; M.Ed.
Sven O. Rosengren — 1950	B.S.; M.Ed.
Lewis A. Kyrios — 1938	C.A.G.S.; M.A.; D.Ed.
Ellwood Jenness — 1948	B.S.
Paul J. Sweet — 1950	
Claire Birtz — 1937	
Margaret R. Connolly — 1922	
Mary F. Welch — 1954	

Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson — 1937	B.S.; M.Ed; D.Ed.
Lindzay Varnam — 1943	B.S.; M.Ed.
Nora B. Adams — 1947	
Pauline M. Aucoin — 1921	B.S.Ed.

Kathryn Beauregard — 1922	A.B.; M.A.
Rose Brodeur — 1939	B.S.; M.A.
Eva Casavant — 1933	B.S.; M.A.
Laura Chapman — 1953	A.B.
Constance Coderre — 1929	B.S.
Luiſe B. Corbin — 1923	
Edward Desroches — 1949	A.B.
Paul A. Duhart — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald — 1926	A.B.; M.Ed.
Robert F. Hart — 1952	A.B.; M.A.
C. Estelle Hefner — 1933	Ph.B.
Everett H. Holmes — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Persis F. Howe — 1930	B.S.Ed.
Barbara H. Kyrios — 1940	B.S.Ed.
Eino Laakso — 1945	A.B.; M.A.
Claude Lacouture — 1948	B.S.
Arthur D. Lane — 1948	M.Ed.; M.A.
Harry J. McMahon — 1926	Ph.B.; M.Ed.
Elinor Small — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Flora Tait — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
Frances Troy — 1927	B.S.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka — 1945	B.S.Ed.
John E. Welch — 1948	B.S.; M.Ed.

Cole Trade High School

Raymond L. W. Benoit — 1949	B.S.; M.Ed.
Maureen A. Baybutt — 1946	
Elsie A. Hofstra — 1933	
John L. Benson — 1942	B.S.Ed.
George H. Braman — 1938	
Francis E. Couture — 1945	Leave of Absence
Walter J. Glondek — 1938	
Ernest Hall — 1926	
William C. Nickerson — 1941	
William B. Paul — 1942	
Rosaire Pariseau — 1953	Substitute
Eugene J. Remian — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Frank P. Skinyon — 1934	B.S.Ed.
Lawrence F. Swenson — 1932	
Edwin J. Waskiewicz — 1952	
Stanley Naumnik — 1954	B.S.Ed.

Charlton Street School

R. Joseph Racine — 1944	A.B.; M.Ed.
Dorothy Berthiaume — 1954	A.B.
Lorene Fierro — 1953	B.S.
Elizabeth Duhamel — 1953	B.S.
Lorraine Gagne — 1954	B.S.
Helen Golden — 1948	
Claire A. Kirk — 1949	

Gwen Kuszewski — 1954	
Dorothy Locke — 1943	
Ruth Mahan — 1948	B.S.
Anthony B. Sapienza — 1954	B.S.
Marie J. Saunders — 1924	

Eastford Road School 1-7

Raoul O. Lataille — 1939	A.B.; M.Ed.
T. Thomas Finnerty — 1948	A.B.; M.A.
Bertha E. Foley — 1912	
Irene V. Gough — 1914	
Dagmar Irwin — 1954	
Cathryn Maxwell — 1945	
Julia C. Morrill — 1914	
Malcolm Nash — 1948	M.Ed.
Mary B. Puracchio — 1951	B.S.
Vincent J. Puracchio — 1950	A.B.; M.A.
Dorothy Simpson — 1954	B.A.
Florida Tarquinio — 1942	B.S.Ed.

Marcy Street School

Constance M. L'Ecuyer — 1940	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
*Joseph Angelini — 1952	A.B.
Patricia P. Callahan — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
Elizabeth Curtis — 1944	A.B.; B.S.Ed.
Alice Wixted Dion — 1926	
Josette Dupuis — 1948	A.B.
Martha Koprowski — 1954	B.S.
Ruth Huson — 1945	
Myrtle B. Jodrey — 1944	
Thomas F. Mahoney — 1954	B.S.
* Military Leave of Absence	

Mechanic Street School

Anita Sfreddo — 1953	Mus.B.
Clara M. Reed — 1918	
Marie E. Skaza — 1949	
Madelene Y. Proulx — 1954	B.S.

West Street School

Laurenda Boyer — 1926	
Yolande Augusto — 1951	B.S.Ed.
William L. Haith — 1954	B.A.
Nancy A. Jodrey — 1954	B.A.
Gilbert O. Lamarre — 1954	B.A.
Eva P. Salviuolo — 1943	B.S.Ed.
Dorothy M. Sheriff — 1945	
Anne Skudlark — 1954	
Celestine C. Sweet — 1932	
Evangeline R. Towse — 1948	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.

Special Teachers

William E. Rinehart — 1952	
Louise E. Steenburn — 1949	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Left

January—Jane Rankine	West Street
February—Daniel J. Hobart	Mary E. Wells High
March—*Emery A. Lavallee	Cole Trade High
June—Helen Boucher	Mary E. Wells High
June—Harold A. Andrews	Cole Trade High
June—Leah Sax Cohen	Charlton Street
June—Priscilla Quirk	Charlton Street
June—Owen F. Ryder, Jr.	Charlton Street
June—Mary Brady	Marcy Street
June—Kathleen Burns	Marcy Street
June—Farncis Flanagan	Marcy Street
June—Gladys Scott	Mechanic Street
June—Marjorie F. Campbell	West Street
July—Robert H. McCarn	Supt. of Schools
October—Emily F. Roberts	West Street
December—Lorene Fierro	Charlton Street

*Retired

Appointments

October—Robert L. Fox	Supt. of Schools
September—Martha Koprowski	Marcy Street
September—Thomas F. Mahoney	Marcy Street
September—William L. Haith	West Street
September—Gilbert Lamarre	West Street
September—Anne Skudlark	West Street
October—Nancy Jodrey	West Street
September—Madelene Proulx	Mechanic Grade I
September—Dorothy Berthiaume	Charlton Street
September—Lorene S. Fierro	Charlton Street
September—Gwen M. Kuszewski	Charlton Street
September—Anthony Sapienza	Charlton Street
September—Lorraine Gagne	Charlton Street
October—Dorothy Locke	Charlton Street
September—Dagmar Irwin	Eastford Road
September—Dorothy Simpson	Eastford Road
September—Stanley Naumnik	Cole Trade High

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Appointments

†1954—Joseph Brouillard	Marcy Street
†Replacing Rodolphe L'Homme (deceased)	

JANITORS

1947—Frederick P. Alger	Mary E. Wells High
1954—Joseph Brouillard	Marcy Street
1946—John B. Craite	Cole Trade High
1942—Armand Gaumond	Mechanic Street
1952—Wilfred P. Gauthier	West Street
1952—Adelard Lavallee	Mary E. Wells High
1943—Theophile Leduc	Charlton Street
1941—Joseph Moore	Eastford Road
1949—Eugene Tetreault	Pleasant Street
1953—George St. Martin	Mary E. Wells High

Conclusion:

An annual report must, by its very nature, be a superficial effort to keep the citizens of a community informed about its schools. Even such a report, however, may bring questions to the minds of readers which can only be answered by investigation and enlightenment. We shall grasp any opportunity to place further information before you; we shall work continually for the betterment of the schools of Southbridge; we shall accept any constructive, or even well-meant criticism with the firm conviction that the growth of the system is dependent, ultimately, upon the will of the people.

This report could not be considered complete without a final note of appreciation to a School Committee which holds the welfare of the children as its criterion in the solution of its problems; to a fine, hardworking staff and to all who in word or deed have been helpful in the physical, spiritual, and intellectual development of the children of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. FOX,
Superintendent of Schools

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